



Early College Experience

2012 - Student Survey

Thank you for your participation in this survey. This information will help us to improve our program and to offer the best Early College Experience to high school students in Northwest Arkansas. The survey contains 9 questions and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your responses are strictly confidential.

1. Thinking about the NWACC courses you took through Early College Experience, how would you rate your overall EXPERIENCE? 521 RESPONSES

- 45% Excellent
- 48% Good
- 7% Fair

2. As an Early College Experience student I feel that these classes have: 551 RESPONSES

- 74% Been at just the right level of difficulty
- 23% Been more difficult than I thought
- 2% Lacked academic rigor

3. Being in the Early College Experience program has: 551 RESPONSES

- 91% Had no effect on my decision to attend or not attend college after high school
- 5% Made me consider attending college
- 2% Turned me off to the idea of attending college
- 2% Other

4. The most important feature of the Early College Experience program is: 549 RESPONSES

- 87% The opportunities it gives high school students to earn college credit
- 6% The low tuition it charges for college courses
- 5% The confidence I have gained from doing college work
- 2% All of the above

5. The atmosphere of my Early College classes was: 551 RESPONSES

- 64% Just like my other high school classes
- 33% More serious than my other classes
- 3% Less serious than my other classes

6. My Early College Experience classes were: 550 RESPONSES

- 73% More challenging than my high school classes
- 25% Equally challenging as my high school classes
- 2% Less challenging than my high school classes



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7. Attending an NWACC Early College Experience class has:

550 RESPONSES

- 91% Made me consider attending NWACC
- 6% Had no effect on my decision to attend a particular college
- 3% Turned me off to the idea of attending NWACC

8. The Early College Experience program can be improved by:

199 RESPONSES

- 57% Offering more classes
- 15% Allowing more time to study in the classroom
- 8% Having options for cheaper textbooks
- 6% Making the courses more college-like
- 6% Weighing the GPA
- 4% Providing more tutoring assistance
- 4% Having better communication with NWACC

Additional comments:

- Add more classes in different subjects
- Incorporate the college experience. Sometimes it seems like this is part of high school
- Provide information about transferring credits to college
- Add a study group to give the students an opportunity to better grasp the content
- Allow high school students in an early college experience class to attend an actual college class
- Spend more time in class. We had to cram a lot of information in too little time.
- Get a classroom set of books so we don't have to buy them.
- Offer more options. Encourage students to attend NWACC. Add study and review sessions

9. Shared impressions of the overall value of ECE as a pre-college experience:

379 RESPONSES

- 56% Early College Experience helped me prepare for college
- 32% I earned college credit in high school
- 12% Both

Additional comments:

- Great way to earn college credit and prepare for college, enjoying class with great teacher friends
- ECE has given me a great idea of how classes will be in college. I have earned a lot of college credit.
- ECE helped prepare me for college more than any other class I'm taking. Loved it!
- It helped me get a taste of what college will be like. I feel prepared for college now that I have taken these classes.
- ECE is a great way to earn college credit while still in high school and it was at a low tuition.