



Early College Experience Principal Survey Spring 2015

In the spring of 2015, Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) conducted a survey of Early College Experience (ECE) principals. Sixteen (16) high school principals were mailed a survey. Thirteen (13) principals responded for a response rate of 81%. The respondents represented 13 of the 16 participating high schools.

All the respondents strongly agreed or agreed that they have a **collegial partnership** with NWACC’s Early College Experience Program.

All the respondents strongly agreed or agreed that ECE courses **improve academic rigor** in their school. This was accomplished by:

- 84.6% Expectation of college level work
- 7.6% Implementing College course standards
- 7.6% Requiring a higher level of student accountability

Seventy-seven percent (77%) of the respondents stated that **parents have a greater understanding** of college expectations because of the Early College Experience program.

Contact with ECE staff:

7.6% Constantly 38.5% Frequently 53.8% Occasionally

ECE provides professional development opportunities to instructors:

0.0% Constantly 30.7% Frequently 53.8% Occasionally 15% Never

The partnership I have with ECE is supported by:

- Professional Development 53.8%
- Conferences 15%
- Library Access 7.6%
- Technology Resources 7.6%
- Academic Advising 7.6%

Partnering with NWACC ECE helps my instructors

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Align secondary curriculum with college curriculum	3	8	1		
Improve college readiness of my students	7	5	1		
Develop subject area expertise in their discipline	3	8	1		



As a Result of offering ECE courses, my school:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Offers a greater number of rigorous classes	3	9	1		
Offers prerequisite courses that prepare students for college courses in upper grades	5	4	4		
Demonstrates to parents that students are doing challenging work	4	9			
Enhances its prestige and academic reputation	4	9			
Has more students continuing to postsecondary education	3	7	3		
Has more students succeed in postsecondary education	2	9	2		

One way I would like to see our relationship with ECE grow and develop is by:

- Offering more vocational opportunities to high school students.
- Having visits to classroom from NWACC content liaisons.
- More NWACC involvement and recruiting of our students.
- Increasing college courses offered at my high school.

School Demographics

Average Enrollment: 1075.6 (Range from 87-4200)
 School Location: 53.8% City 15.3% Rural 30.7% Town
 School Type: 76.9% Public 7.6% Private 14.3% Charter