

# TIPS FOR STUDENTS

## CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CAN PREPARE YOU FOR COLLEGE!

Concurrent Enrollment is an excellent opportunity for you to prepare for future success. College coursework will be more difficult than what you have experienced in high school. Responsibility and time management play a large role in your future college success. Here are a few tips to help you succeed:



### UNDERSTAND FERPA

The Federal Educational Records Privacy Act (FERPA) applies to all college students regardless of age. When participating in Concurrent Enrollment, you own your academic record. If you need help with a situation, you need to be part of the Conversation. Your first step with an issue is to contact your high school counselor.



### KNOW COLLEGE USERNAME

Your Iowa Lakes user ID is used to access everything at Iowa Lakes.

### THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE

Start thinking about a career path and choose courses that apply.



### CHECK EMAIL ACCOUNT

Iowa Lakes sends official information through your Iowa Lakes email account. Get in the habit of checking it often.

### ASK FOR HELP!

We want you to be successful but you have to put in the work. If you need help, seek out a teacher, counselor, or Career Connect staff. Don't wait until the problem is too big.



### BE MINDFUL OF GRADES

Grades you achieve in dual-credit classes will stay on your college transcript throughout your academic career. Grades effect your college GPA and your financial aid.

### MAINTAIN A BALANCE

Choose courses carefully and keep your grades up. Build a schedule allowing for homework and extracurricular commitments. Academics and social development can both lead to scholarships.



### DEVELOP STUDY & TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Be prepared and read assignments ahead of time.

### BUILD COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Employers want people with "soft skills". Talk to your teachers, professors and counselors. Communication skills lead to real-life success!



### UNDERSTAND HOW COURSES APPLY TO YOUR DEGREE

Many Concurrent Enrollment courses fulfill general education requirements that can be used for any degree you choose. Other courses are elective credits that are degree specific. Don't take more than one course in a category unless you have genuine interest and/or know how it applies to a degree. If you're not sure what that means, talk to your school counselor or Concurrent Enrollment Advisor.