

TIPS FOR PARENTS

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CAN PREPARE THEM FOR COLLEGE

Concurrent Enrollment is an excellent opportunity for students who are ready to begin work on college courses while in high school. Students that are enrolled in dual-credit classes, are held to the same expectations as a college student. College coursework requires a high degree of focus, determination and personal responsibility than what your student may have encountered thus-far. Here are a few tips to help you be supportive and help your student succeed.



UNDERSTAND FERPA

The Federal Educational Records Privacy Act (FERPA) applies to all college students regardless of age. If your student participates in Concurrent Enrollment, they are the sole owners of their academic record. Even though your student is a minor, Iowa Lakes personnel can't disclose certain information to anyone other than the student, including parents.



LET THEM WORK THROUGH COLLEGE PROCESS

We highly encourage students to work with their counselors. Of course, you can work through the process together, but allowing your student to do it will help them understand how college processes are different from high school.



TRUST PARENTING SKILLS

If your student feels ready to take a college level course, your student is ready for the responsibility that comes with that. You've taught them well. Let them learn as much as they can from this experience.



HELP THEM ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES

If your student has an issue with a course, encourage them to speak to the teacher. If they can't resolve the issue, have them reach out to their counselor. Guiding students through the proper channels will help them understand their own accountability for their own coursework.



ENCOURAGE GOOD HABITS

Simple things like meeting deadlines and arriving to class on time can teach skills that will serve your student for a lifetime. Set expectations that are reasonable and support your student when they need help finding assistance.



DON'T EXPECT PERFECTION

College is full of learning opportunities. Making mistakes is a great way to learn. Don't expect your student to be exempt from consequences.



FINANCIAL AID

Dropping a class after the designated drop date will result in a withdrawal (W) on your student's transcript. Too many W's can affect future financial aid. Students need to complete 67 percent of their credits (not courses) and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Failing to do so can also negatively affect their future financial aid.