



## Early College High School

Austin High School  
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## Overview

The Early College High School program at Austin High School includes three options. Students can earn an associate degree in general studies from Ivy Tech via our Academy program, the Statewide Transfer General Education Core (STGEC), or technical certificates of 15+ dual credit hours.

### Academy Program



The Austin Academy is a program in which a high school senior can earn an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies from Ivy Tech as well as an Austin High School diploma when he/she graduates from high school. Students must earn a minimum of 60 college credits from Ivy Tech's list of required courses. The dual credit courses are taught by Austin HS faculty as well as Ivy Tech Professors on Loan. In order to participate in the Academy, students must complete an application, submit two letters of recommendation, earn at least a 3.0 GPA during their freshman/sophomore year, have at least a 95% high school attendance rate, have no office referrals, complete an online Ivy Tech application, and meet the course prerequisites which are outlined below. There are no tuition costs associated with the Ivy Tech dual credit courses that are taught at Austin High School. There are also currently no additional textbook costs for the courses.

### Statewide Transfer General Education Core

The STGEC is a collection of courses that all Indiana colleges/universities must accept as a block once a student completes the specified 30 credit hours with at least a 2.0 GPA. The dual credit courses are taught by Austin HS faculty as well as Ivy Tech Professors on Loan. At Austin, the only way to earn the STGEC is via participation in the Academy program.

## Technical Certificates of 15+ Dual Credit Hours

Another aspect of the Early College High School program is technical certificates of 15+ dual credits. Students can meet these requirements by completing at least three semesters of our welding program that is offered at Mid-America Science Park. In addition, there are ten programs (aircraft operations/flight, automotive collision, automotive tech, construction trades, cosmetology, criminal justice, electrical tech, fire and rescue/EMT, health science ed, and welding tech) offered at Prosser that result in 15 or more dual credits and certification(s) in a specified field.

## Questions?

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