

Early College Opportunities

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Class Format Options

- **Barton Online:** Asynchronous online classes offered in varying sessions.
- **Campus Offerings:** Students travel to the Barton County Campus to take coursework or attend via zoom.
- **College Advantage:** Taught by a Barton instructor who travels to the student's high school.
- **Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (CEP):** Taught for dual credit when a high school instructor meets the required qualifying credentials to teach for a higher education institution.
- **Excel in CTE (Senate Bill 155):** A specific list of career and technical classes available to high school students at no cost tuition. Textbook or materials charges may apply. The Kansas Board of Regents determines the eligible list of classes.
- **Partnered Online:** Taught fully online by a Barton instructor with a high school mentor in the classroom

Student Benefits

- Building college courses into their high school schedules and experiencing college-rigor coursework.
- Receiving support from high school *and* college staff and faculty
- Beginning college while still experiencing high school
- Saving time and money!
 - \$50/credit hour tuition rate for high school students participating in Barton County Campus Offerings, College Advantage program, Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (CEP) and Partnered Online classes.
 - \$75/credit hour for Kansas high school students taking Barton Online classes.
 - Boost Scholarship in Barton's service area.
 - Low-cost or no-cost textbook options

High School Partners

Blue Valley-Randolph	Eudora	Lincoln	Pratt High
Central Plains	Great Bend	Lyons	Russell
Chase	Hoisington	Macksville	Skyline
Ellinwood	Kinsley	Ness City	St John
Ellis	LaCrosse	Otis-Bison	Stafford
Ellsworth	Larned	Pawnee Heights	Victoria

Note: out of Service Area Schools Participate in Partnered Online

Opportunities and Developments

- **Excel in CTE On the Barton County Campus and at Partner High Schools:**
 - Schools are opening their policies about sending high school students to the Barton County Campus for classes. Hosting conversations with multiple districts to discuss options and schedules.
 - Goal to hire more career technical education teachers in our partner high schools.
- **Affordability and Accessibility of High School Classes:**
 - The affordability of our high school classes is making college more accessible to more students and poses us for partnership expansion.
 - \$50/credit hour rate and \$75/credit hour scholarship rate
 - Excel in CTE for career technical education classes
 - Foundation scholarship availability/eligibility
 - Boost scholarship (free and reduced lunch) for service area students

Further Topics of Interest

- **Faculty Resources** – Approximately 102 Barton faculty are involved in the delivery of coursework involving high school students. This includes all six options reported on slide #2.
- **Faculty Qualifications** – Barton hires all faculty in accordance to the Higher Learning Commission Criteria for Accreditation and Assumed Practices. Standards for faculty employment at the higher education level are different than hiring qualifications for secondary education.

Further Topics of Interest

- **Barton Enrollment Tracking** – Per February 2024 data, service to high school students is increasing summer 2022 to summer 2023, fall 2022 to fall 2023 and spring 2023 to spring 2024. Additionally, per IR report on March 20th data illustrates substantial growth in Barton Online coursework resulting from high school student enrollment. From 2022 to 2023 and spring 2024, percentage increases observed include: 27.45 (summer 2023), 41.67% (fall 2023), and 81.62% (spring 2024). Overall, AY 2023 demonstrates a 58.30% increase in high school student enrollment in Barton Online courses.
- **KBOR 2022-2023 Enrollment Tracking** – Barton was in the top ten of community colleges (#7) reporting increased credit hours in Excel in CTE coursework, Barton was in the top 10 of community colleges (#9) reporting increased credit hours in Dual Credit coursework, Barton was #1 in all community colleges reporting increased credit hours in Concurrent coursework and Barton was #2 in all community colleges reporting increased credit hours in overall high school enrollment.

Comments & Questions