Concurrent Enrollment Program

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Inver Prep
What is Inver Prep?
Inver Prep is an Inver Hills Community College program that takes a unique approach to preparing high school students for college. Inver Prep helps high school students in the “academic middle” prepare for college while still in high school.

Who is eligible?
To qualify, students must place in the 30th-70th percentile in school, and have ACCUPLACER Reading test scores between 35-62. Math placement scores depend on the math course offered at a partner high school.

“Concurrent Enrollment provides access and academic flexibility to all students while opening doors that allow kids to see further into their future.”

-Thomas Renartz, Computer Science Teacher at Rosemount High School.
When do students participate?
Students who participate in the Language Arts Path of the Inver Prep program are identified and tested during 9th grade and join the program in 10th grade. Students who participate in the Math Path of the Inver Prep program are identified and tested during 10th grade and join the program in 11th grade.

Where does the program take place?
Students stay in their own high schools to participate in the program. Inver Prep classes are scheduled into the regular school day, in most cases replacing tenth grade Language Arts or eleventh grade Math.
Who teaches the classes?

The high school teacher teaches the courses with support from the college instructor. The Inver Prep program establishes a mentoring relationship between the college instructor and the high school teacher. Inver Prep courses are designed to mirror Reading and English courses taught on the Inver Hills campus. The high school teacher may have to put in some additional time initially to learn the new curriculum and to attend professional workshops, but the Inver Hills mentor is available to collaborate with the high school teacher.

What are the teacher’s qualifications?

Qualifications are set by the post-secondary academic department. Inver Hills faculty review high school teacher applicants’ academic records and teaching experience. Ongoing, discipline-specific professional development with post-secondary faculty is required for concurrent enrollment accreditation.

“There were more challenges provided with this course than there would have been with another choice at the high school.”

-Rosemount High School Student
Which schools participate?

- Burnsville High School
- AGAPE High School
- Simley High School
- STEP Academy
- Lakeville North High School
- Lakeville South High School
- Rosemount High School

Current Inver Prep Courses

Read 90: Introduction to College Reading and Writing
Read 93: Reading College Texts
Eng 99: Introduction to Academic Writing
Math 840: Introductory Algebra
What are the advantages for students?

Inver Prep students complete one to three college preparatory courses, depending on whether they choose the Math or Language Arts path. The Inver Prep courses help to prepare students for the InCollege (College credit) program and general college education.

How do I apply?

Inver Prep students can use the link below to apply for the program.

https://ihcc.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8etpWhxQEAIG6c4
How does it fit with a high school curriculum? What is the cost?

How does it fit with a high school curriculum?

- **Language Arts Path:**
The 10th grade curriculum aligns two or three Inver Hills college preparatory courses with the English curriculum at the high school. Students who are taking Inver Prep courses will also meet the high school requirement for English.

- **Math Path:**
The 11th grade curriculum aligns an Inver Hills preparatory course with the math curriculum at the high school. Students who are taking Inver Prep courses will also meet the high school requirement for math.

### Cost/Savings

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Pathway to InCollege

Inver Prep classes offer an opportunity for students in the “academic middle” to get a jump start on getting college credits at Inver Hills. If students can successfully complete these Inver Prep courses with a grade of “C” or higher, they can move on to take InCollege credits, which then transfer to any MnSCU school, and most of Minnesota’s state and private colleges.
The Inver Prep program maintains the rigor and the academic standards of its courses through partnerships with Inver Hills Community College faculty. Courses taught through Inver Prep use the same course outlines of our on campus courses, as well as similar assessments and grading standards.

Teachers in high schools who teach Inver Prep courses are required to complete an application process. The Inver Hills partnership requires mandatory professional development, syllabi review, and shared oversight of the program. Close contact is maintained between the high school and the college.

AP (Advance Placement) courses are high school courses taught by high school teachers. At the conclusion of the course, students take a test to earn college credit. Individual college campuses usually have minimum scores they require to award credit.

The Inver Prep program gives various assessments throughout the course and high school credit is given upon completion of the course and the potential to move onto higher courses for college credit if the student receives a “C” or higher grade in the Inver Prep course.
Academic Integrity Policy

Academic Integrity is one of the most important values in higher education. This principle requires that each student’s work represents his or her own personal efforts and that the student acknowledges the intellectual contributions of others. The foundation of this principle is student academic honesty. Inver Hills students are expected to honor the requirements of the academic integrity policy.

The full Academic Integrity Policy can be found on the college policy web page at https://www.inverhills.edu/about/collegepolicies/

Disability Services

Inver Hills community college will provide services for issues or challenges related to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) compliance within its own routine use of facilities, services or other areas covered by the ADA. If a student need more services, the high school is responsible for complying with the applicable provisions of ADA Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101, et seq. and regulations promulgated pursuant to it.

Class Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all sessions of each class in which they are enrolled. If an illness or emergency results in an absence, students should meet with their instructors to determine if missed work can be completed.
“At a Glance” year by year

- **Language Arts Path**
  - 9\textsuperscript{th} grade:
    - Take the ACCUPLACER (a placement test designed to measure a student’s college readiness).
  - 10\textsuperscript{th} grade:
    - Take 1-2 InverPrep Reading courses and 1 English course
    - Visit the Inver Hills campus.
    - Students with a “C” or higher grade will be qualified to join the InCollege program.

- **Math Path**
  - 10\textsuperscript{th} grade:
    - Take the ACCUPLACER (a placement test designed to measure a student’s college readiness).
  - 11\textsuperscript{th} grade:
    - Take the 11\textsuperscript{th} grade Inver Prep math course.
    - Visit the Inver Hills campus.
    - Students with a “C” or higher grade will be qualified to join the InCollege program.
Frequently Asked Questions

**Why do Inver Prep courses have class size limits?**
Class size limits are established by Inver Hills Community College to be consistent with our on-campus sections. These class sizes ensure that all students have the opportunity for a high level of interaction in the classroom as they prepare for college-level coursework. Limited class size allows the teacher time to work with individual students and increases contact with the Inver Hills faculty mentor.

**Do I need to apply for admission to take Inver Prep courses?**
Inver Prep students will need to fill out an online application. The application can be accessed through the link below.
https://ihcc.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8etpWhxQEAIG6c4

**Are credits earned through Inver Prep program recognized by colleges other than Inver Hills Community College?**
No, the credits earned through Inver Prep program are college preparatory credits that are not transferrable. However, if a student successfully passes with a “C” grade or above, the student will be eligible to be part of the InCollege program where he or she can start taking college credit bearing classes that are transferable to all of Minnesota’s public colleges and universities, and most of the state’s private colleges and universities.
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