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**Historic Dual Credit Partnership with Elgin Community College for 2026–27 School Year**

St. Edward High School is proud to announce a historic dual credit partnership with Elgin Community College (ECC), approved by the ECC Board of Trustees in December, marking the first time St. Edward has partnered with Elgin Community College. This exciting collaboration will begin in the 2026–27 school year.

Through this partnership, St. Edward will offer the Part-Time Dual Credit Program to qualified junior and senior students. This program allows students to enroll in select college-level courses while earning both high school and college credit simultaneously at a significantly reduced cost. Courses will be offered through ECC and take place on the ECC campus, providing students with an authentic college experience while remaining connected to their St. Edward education.

The Part-Time Dual Credit Program will include a variety of coursework options in:

- General Education credit
- Elective credit
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways

As this program continues to evolve, St. Edward High School and Elgin Community College anticipate expanding dual credit opportunities to include pathways that allow students to earn both a St. Edward High School diploma and an associate degree from Elgin Community College in the coming years. Additionally, in future school years, St. Edward will begin offering dual-credit courses on our campus, taught by St. Edward faculty.

Students will learn more about this exciting opportunity during course registration at St. Edward in January. Applications for dual credit participation will be due in early February, and eligibility requirements will apply.

Some of the planned course offerings, which will be held on the ECC campus, include:

- Introduction to Sociology
- Elementary Japanese, German, and French
- Web Design
- Introduction to Hospitality
- Basic Nurse Assistant Training Program
- Introduction to Engineering Design
- And many more

This historic partnership represents an incredible new opportunity for our Green Wave students to challenge themselves academically, explore future career paths, and earn college credit while still in high school. We look forward to supporting our students as they take advantage of this important academic offering.

Sincerely,

St. Edward High School Administration