

Option II Overview

Option II offers alternative paths to credits that meet or exceed the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and are based on student interest or career goals. Students may elect to apply for Mercer County Technical Schools high school credit and advancement of a course level through distance learning, college course work, or course work taken outside of any one of the Mercer County Technical Schools academies. All learning opportunities as allowed by Option II must be pre-approved. Several stipulations exist for students wishing to complete high school course work in an academic setting other than Mercer County Technical Schools academies.

An overview of these requirements is as follows with details of each outlined below.

- ❖ Option II courses must be preapproved
- ❖ Option II courses must be from an accredited institution
- ❖ Option II courses must meet NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards
- ❖ Students must show minimum proficiency to earn MCTS high school credit
- ❖ Students **may not** take consecutive courses in a sequence and/or subject area at the discounted rate.
- ❖ Students should appropriately pace themselves to complete Option II courses
- ❖ Course extensions will not be granted by any Mercer County Technical Schools academy
- ❖ Option II courses cannot be retaken at the discounted rate

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2018-2019 Option II Application Process

Please see the below instructions for the Option II application. The Option II application is used for applying for a class, outside of the MCTS Academies, to receive high school credit.

Directions For Applying For Option II:

- Students must fill out an application for Option II credits two weeks prior to the course start date for approval. Registration starts with the Guidance Office, however, the college needs time to process all registrations.
 - **Fall 2018** semester deadline is Wednesday, August 1, 2018
 - **Winter 2018** semester deadline is Friday, November 30, 2018
 - **Spring 2019** semester deadline is Wednesday, January 2, 2019
 - **Summer 2019** semester deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2019
 - **Fall 2019** semester deadline is Friday, June 21, 2019

All applications are due to the Guidance Office by 2:30 pm on the above mentioned dates.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!

- Once you have received an approved form you may register for the course. When the course is completed, you must give the Guidance Office your official college transcript. All grades will then be Board approved.
- Please allow one week from receipt of the transcript for the course(s) to be added to your Mercer County Technical Schools transcript.

If you choose to take additional courses, which were not on the approved list, you may still take the course, but will not receive high school credit. You may still mail in your transcript, from which that course is from, with your college application.

- ❖ Students are responsible for planning semester courses.
- ❖ Option II graduation course requirements *must* be taken in the first semester of the school year. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!
- ❖ MCCC classes must be taken after second block of your Academy schedule.

Mercer County Technical Schools Option II Class Instructions

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- ❖ To Find Your Option II Class
 - Go to www.mccc.edu
 - Click My Mercer
 - Select View Course
 - Browse class
 - Select term
 - Select course

- ❖ Complete One Option II Form Per Class
 - Your name and year of graduation
 - Course section
 - Days and Time of the class or indicate if it is an online course
 - Course name
 - Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer)
 - Parent's signature and email address (Cannot process without this)
 - Student's signature and email address (Cannot process without this)
 - Print and attach a course description to each Option II class form

- ❖ Submit forms to the Guidance office by the deadline date.
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YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR FINAL MCCC GRADES/TRANSCRIPTS AT THE END OF EACH SEMSTER TO RECEIVE HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT ON YOUR MCTS TRANSCRIPT

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MERCER COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
OPTION II APPLICATION

Option II establishes alternate pathways for students of the Mercer County Technical Schools District to satisfy requirements for high school graduation and meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards in accord with the New Jersey Administrative Code (*N.J.A.C. 6A:8-15.1(a)lii*) and Common Core Standards for Math and Literacy.

The purpose of Option II is to provide educational experiences that are meaningful and relevant, and that provide students with opportunities to explore and achieve at high levels. In order to maximize student achievement and meet diverse pathways for learning, Option II permits students to employ alternative learning experiences that are stimulating and intellectually challenging, and that enable students to fulfill or exceed the expectations set forth in the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Employment of Option II may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following alternatives: student exchange programs, interdisciplinary or theme-based programs, independent study, internships, community service, accredited college coursework, meaningful research and structured learning experiences.

Option II alternatives requested by eligible students must meet or exceed the proficiencies established by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards, receive prior approval by the principal and/or Option II Review Committee and demonstrate satisfactory performance as measured by district approved competency assessment instruments, such as Acellus or Educere, in order for credits to be awarded.

It is understood that participation in Option II alternative experiences is voluntary. Students may fulfill the requirements for graduation by pursuing credits earned through the traditional classroom environment (*N.J.A.C.6A:8-5.1*), through alternative learning experiences availed by Option II (*N.J.A.C.6A:8-5.1(a)lii*), or through a combination of both programs. However, approved participation in Option II activities implies student and/or parent responsibility for attendance, transportation, personal safety and well-being, specialized equipment and any and all costs not otherwise provided by the school.

Name _____ Year of Graduation _____

Course Section _____ - _____ - _____ Days & Time _____

Course Name _____ Semester _____

Attach course description and alignment with Core Curriculum Content Standards.

MCTS Academy / full time grades will not be calculated in the student's cumulative GPA. Final grades on an official transcript must be submitted to receive credit on the MCTS transcript.

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Date of Option II Committee Review _____

Approved _____ Denied _____ 5 credits _____ 2.5 credits _____ Other _____

Principal's Signature _____

Date Form Received _____ Date Submitted to MCCC _____ Received Response _____

Course Completed _____ Grade Documented _____