

The district recently (in September 2017) signed on to an Early College Preliminary Designation application with Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) to expand dual enrollment opportunities for the students of the Worcester Public Schools. This project is sponsored by both the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Higher Education. If approved, both planning and implementation funding will become available to create an educational and career pathway model that prepares, equips, and supports high school age students to earn college credits *without cost to the student*.

The Early College Preliminary Designation application includes among others, the following Guided Career Pathways developed between the Worcester Public Schools and Quinsigamond Community College: Engineering and Biotechnology, Computer Science, Healthcare-Nurse Education and Manufacturing Technology. Early college students will have access to the facilities of QCC including the Quest Center.