**COLLEGE NOW** is a FREE college transition/dual enrollment program for NYC DOE high school students. It offers college credit courses aligned with first year study at CUNY, pre-college courses that prepare students to start college without remediation, college awareness courses and activities, full day summer programs, and access to CUNY campus facilities and events.

College Now started in the spring of 1984 at Kingsborough Community College with 449 students. In 2000, a partnership was formed between CUNY and NYC DOE to expand to 17 CUNY undergraduate colleges and today more than 22,000 students from over 470 NYC DOE high schools participate in College Now.

In College Now, students can earn up to **15 CREDITS FOR FREE**, which translates to a **SAVINGS OF OVER $4,000** in tuition at a 4-year CUNK college.

Students get a college transcript from CUNY showing the grade and credits they earned.

Credits earned in College Now are accepted at all CUNK, most SUNY and many private colleges and count towards the annual credits needed to qualify for the New York State Excelsior Scholarship.

College Now courses are available in a wide variety of subjects:

- art and music
- anthropology
- accounting
- biology
- business
- chemistry
- communications
- classics
- computer science
- criminal justice
- drama
- education
- English
- engineering
- foreign language
- forensic science
- graphic design
- health
- history
- mathematics
- marketing
- political science
- psychology
- sociology
- speech communication
- theatre
- video production
- and many more.

**At these CUNK colleges:**

- **COMMUNITY COLLEGES**
  - BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN Community College
  - BRONX Community College
  - HOSTOS Community College
  - KINGSBOROUGH Community College
  - LAGUARDIA Community College
  - QUEENSBOROUGH Community College

- **SENIOR COLLEGES**
  - BARUCH College
  - BROOKLYN College
  - The CITY COLLEGE of New York
  - HUNTER College
  - JOHN JAY College of Criminal Justice
  - LEHMAN College
  - MEDGAR EVERS College
  - New York City College of TECHNOLOGY
  - QUEENS College
  - College of STATEN ISLAND
  - School of PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
  - YORK College

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How do we know?

1. They experience college success while still in high school.

Over 85% of students in fall and spring (over 95% in the summer program) earn a passing grade of A, B or C in a College Now credit course.

A college grade is determined by students’ work over the whole semester—class participation, projects, term papers, quizzes, midterm and final exams, not a single high stakes exam.

2. Their first semester academic profile in college is better.

CUNY 1ST SEMESTER COLLEGE CREDITS

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CUNY 1ST SEMESTER COLLEGE GPA

0.53 higher for CN than Non-CN

3. Their college graduation rates are higher.

CUNY COLLEGE GRADUATION RATES

3-yr graduation rate for Associate Degree

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6-yr graduation rate for Bachelor’s Degree

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