

HOPE/Personal Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement for
Early College Program (ECP) Applicants

Students who accept an invitation to the Early College Program (ECP), are **required to complete the HOPE graduation requirement and the Personal Financial Literacy graduation requirement by June 30th** prior to their junior year. Failure to successfully complete this requirement by June 30th will result in Pinellas County Schools (PCS) rescinding the invitation to participate in ECP.

Acceptable variations to completing HOPE:

Students who have successfully completed two full years in a J.R.O.T.C. Program OR have participated in two full seasons in a district-sponsored high school sport as a competing athlete (applies to junior varsity and varsity sports, grades 9 – 12) may qualify for a HOPE Waiver; documentation is required and is processed via students High School Counselor. Documentation must be in Focus of the HOPE Waiver by June 30 th prior to their junior year.	Students who transferred to PCS from a Private School or Home Education may transfer 0.50 credit earned in Personal Fitness AND 0.50 credit earned in a Physical Education Activity Elective to meet the HOPE requirement. (Credit earned in a Health course is not a qualifying credit applied towards completion of HOPE).
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- Students who do not qualify for a HOPE waiver, have not successfully completed HOPE, or are not in the process of completing the HOPE requirement at their high school, are required to enroll in HOPE via Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) immediately upon acceptance of an invitation to ECP to ensure the HOPE course is completed by June 30th.
- Students who have not successfully completed the Personal Financial Literacy credit or are not in the process of completing the Personal Financial Literacy currently at their high school are required to either complete the course at their high school in Semester 2 or enroll in Personal Financial Literacy and Money Management via Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) immediately upon acceptance of an invitation to ECP to ensure the course is completed by June 30th.
- See directions for registering via PVS below. Students on the waiting list for an opportunity to participate in ECP are also encouraged to enroll in HOPE and/or Personal Financial Literacy and Money Management to ensure they meet eligibility should a seat in ECP become available.

Registering for courses via Pinellas Virtual School

Step 1: Visit pcsb.org/virtualschool

Step 2: Click “Enrollment/Registration” then “Virtual Class for Pinellas Students”

- Select “High School Courses”
- Scroll down to “Health Opportunities Through Physical Education – HOPE” (**Canvas** platform) or Personal Financial Literacy and Money Management
- Press the “REGISTER NOW” button

Step 3: Complete Form

- Click “Done”

Step 4: Please respond to emails and calls you will receive on or before your requested start date regarding starting the course