

Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses available through Senate Bill 155

The Kansas State Senate passed Senate Bill 155 (SB 155) in May 2012. This bill authorizes Butler Community College to waive the cost of tuition for high school juniors and seniors who meet Butler Community College Kansas residency requirements for enrollment in any tiered career technical course. Textbook, program fees and any other additional fees may apply.

How can you determine if a credit class complies with SB 155?

Use the interactive course schedule to search by schedule type for “KS CTE Initiative” for a listing of eligible courses. http://www.butlercc.edu/interactive_schedule/index.cfm

Do students complete the Butler Community College application for admission or is there a separate application?

High School students may take courses for credit, if they:

1. Are classified as a junior or senior by the standards where the student attends high school.
2. Have a High School/Home School Release Form signed by the high school Principal certifying the student is at least a sophomore. This form should be turned in to the Registrar's Office before enrollment takes place. Butler requires only one permission form per academic year, but individual high schools may require one each semester.
3. Meet placement score requirements (ACT, SAT or ASSET). Scores must be certified on the High School/Home School Release Form prior to submission to the Registrar's Office.
4. Are classified as a gifted student in his/her freshman level of high school. A copy of the Individual Education Program (IEP) and a High School/Home School Release Form signed by the high school Principal certifying giftedness, must be turned into the Registrar's Office before enrollment takes place.

Do students have to declare a major?

No, high school students do not declare a major while in high school and enrolling in college courses.

Does SB 155 cover textbooks and supplies?

No, these expenses are the responsibility of the student. SB 155 covers the cost of tuition and limited fees.

Are students enrolling in classes under SB 155 required to take placement tests?

High school students need to follow all Butler Community College policies and procedures Meet placement score requirements (ACT, SAT or ASSET). Scores must be certified on the High School/Home School Release Form prior to submission to the Registrar's Office. If students do not meet the ACT score requirements and a placement test is required, please refer to http://www.butlercc.edu/advising/asset_info.cfm

Do high school counselors contact Butler Community College advisors when a student wants to take advantage of SB 155 course enrollment?

No, the high school counselor does not need to contact the college on behalf of the student for them to take advantage of the waiver. Students simply follow the Butler Community College admission, testing and enrollment procedures.

Do SB 155 students wanting to enroll in a specific course need to wait until the currently enrolled college students have selected their courses?

High school students who plan to enroll in a course taught on the Butler Community College campus will enroll according to semester enrollment dates. They do not have to wait for college level Butler Community College students to enroll first. Students must be enrolled prior to the first day of class. Students are not allowed to enroll in a course after the class has met.