

NJIT Joint Advanced Standing Admissions Program for PTHSD FAQ's

What is the NJIT Joint Advanced Standing Admissions program?

- This program provides our 9th grade students the opportunity to obtain early guaranteed admission to NJIT's Bachelor Degree program as long as the student meets and maintains NJIT's general admission criteria throughout their high school career.

What is the minimum GPA to be eligible for this program?

- 3.0+

What is the process to apply?

- First, a student would need to apply prior to the start of their sophomore year using this link: <https://connect.njit.edu/register/advancedstanding>. It is recommended that students complete this application by the last day of their freshman year.
- Next, students will need to request that their freshman high school transcript be sent to NJIT.

Is there a cost to apply to the Advanced Admissions Program?

- No, there is no cost to apply for early admission through our partnership with NJIT!

What are the benefits for students accepted into the Advanced Admissions Program?

- The average GPA for students accepted into NJIT through a traditional path is 3.6. Our students are only required to have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- This provides peace of mind to students and families by having a guaranteed college admission.
- Students can earn and apply up to 39 college credits through AP and Options courses.
- Students will have an official NJIT transcript that they can transfer to other colleges/universities.
- Students who are in the program and choose to attend NJIT may receive money back in the form of a tuition credit for "Options" courses that were paid for during high school.

What is required of students who are accepted into the Advanced Admissions Program during their Sophomore through Senior years?

- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 as per NJIT's general admission requirements.
- Students will also be required to take and submit SAT scores.

Will students have the opportunity to meet the NJIT faculty and see the campus?

- There will be additional informational sessions and opportunities to interact with NJIT faculty and staff.
- There will also be opportunities to visit and tour the NJIT campus once the COVID restrictions have been lifted.

If you choose not to attend NJIT in the future, but would like to go through the experience it offers, would applying to the Advanced Admissions Program be a good option?

- Yes! Being accepted into the Advanced Admissions Program is non-binding. You can still choose to attend another school. If you are interested in a STEM field, having a STEM school like NJIT provide early admission acceptance is a great opportunity. Plus, you may end up deciding to go there!

Is this program strictly for STEM Pathway students and students interested in STEM?

- No, NJIT offers a variety of STEM and non-STEM majors. This opportunity is open to all 9th grade students.

Am I eligible for this program if I attend a Vo-tech or another high school?

- No. In order to be eligible for this program, students must complete all 4 years of high school within the PTHSD school district and have continuous enrollment at one of our high schools.

Are there any Parsippany-Troy Hills high school students in the Advanced Admissions Program yet?

- No, this is a brand new partnership program between Parsippany-Troy Hills School District and NJIT for the 2020-2021 school year.

When can you register/apply for the Advanced Admissions Program?

- Students must apply prior to the start of their Sophomore year. It is recommended that students apply at the end of their Freshman year prior to the closing of the school year.

When do students accepted into the Advanced Admissions Program have to decide on their courses/major?

- Students do not decide on their major until they decide to attend NJIT.

What are the additional requirements for acceptance into the Honors College?

- While the Advanced Admissions program does not apply to the Honors College, students may apply during their senior year of high school. For more information about the Honors College please click [here](#).

What medical schools does NJIT have program partnerships with?

- NJIT has a 95% placement into many medical schools at graduation. Students interested in an accelerated path to medical school must apply separately to those special programs. The biggest school that is partnered with NJIT for medical school is Rutgers.

Are there opportunities to receive college credits while in high school that can be transferred to NJIT?

- Yes. There are two opportunities for students to gain college credit. The first method is that students may take AP classes and pass the AP exam to receive credit at NJIT. A second option is for students to take "Options" courses during their 11th and 12th grade years.

What are "Options" courses?

- "Options" classes are specific PTHSD courses that have been vetted by NJIT, but are taught by our PTHSD staff. These courses are offered at a significantly discounted rate of \$150/credit versus the current fee of \$550/credit at NJIT. Other than the per credit fee, there are no other fees associated with these classes.

How many credits may a student obtain before entering their freshman year of college at NJIT?

- Students may earn up to 39 college credits before they begin their studies at NJIT.

Can I transfer my NJIT credits to another university or college?

- Yes, since students are receiving NJIT credit when taking "Options," courses, they will have an NJIT transcript that is transferable. Acceptance of the transfer credit is not guaranteed. When applying to other colleges, you will need to check with their admissions office regarding how they handle transfer credits.

Are all "Options," courses, AP courses?

- Some are AP courses and some are not.

What is the benefit of paying for NJIT credits for an “Options” course that is also an AP Course?

- Some AP courses have been reviewed and approved by NJIT for “Options” (dual enrollment) status.
- When you enroll in an AP course there is a cost associated with taking the AP exam. Passing the AP exam is what allows a student to obtain college credit via the College Board. However, not all colleges accept AP credits and some colleges require a minimum score of a 4 or 5 on the AP exam. By paying for NJIT credits, students will earn an official NJIT transcript, which will be transferable. Credits are earned by passing the course, and are not associated with passing the AP College Board exam.

When do I need to register for Options course?

- At the end of the school year, rising 11th and 12th grade students who have eligible “Options” courses in their schedule will receive an email inviting them to participate. Registration and payment must be received prior to the start of the course. Specific dates will be provided in the invitation email. Deadlines for applications are firm, as we have to follow NJIT guidelines. Again, “Option” courses are only available to 11th and 12th graders.

Who should I contact with questions regarding this program?

- You may reach out to your school counselor for general information or check [NJIT's FAQ site](#).
- For more specific questions, please contact Dr. Stephen Eck, Director of Admissions for NJIT at eck@NJIT.edu.