

Other Opportunities for High School Students

Mohawk Valley Upward Bound

Mohawk Valley Community College's Upward Bound is a federally funded, academic enrichment program for students at Thomas R. Proctor High School in Utica (grades 9, 10, or 11) or eighth-grade graduates attending Proctor High School in the upcoming September, who are from low-income families, first-generation college students, or at risk of academic failure. Upward Bound provides participants with the tools, fundamental supports, and opportunities to succeed academically, socially, financially, and mentally in today's educational and occupational world. The goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of post-secondary education.

Upward Bound offers extensive services and opportunities, including tutoring and mentoring, cultural enrichment, college and career planning, college campus visits and educational field trips, community service events, financial aid assistance, and academic advising. The program also provides participants with a performance-based quarterly stipend and a work-study stipend during the required six-week Summer College Program. [Learn more about Upward Bound.](#)

Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)

The Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) is designed to foster seventh- through 12th-graders' interest in the fields of math, science, health, technology, and licensed professions. The program goals include fostering academic excellence, nurturing students in their preparation for college, cultivating students' independence, and providing opportunities for historically underrepresented populations to flourish in the aforementioned fields of study. Program activities include tutoring, job shadowing, research projects, workshops, seminars, college visits, and educational field trips. [Learn more about STEP.](#)

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

The SUNY Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity Program promotes academic achievement and excellence through academic advising, collaborative learning workshops, mentoring, and networking opportunities to prepare students for their academic journey beyond MVCC. Students accepted into MVCC's EOP participate fully in all campus academic and social activities and are held to the same standards as all other students at the College.

MVCC's EOP provides access, academic support and financial assistance to first-time, full-time students who show promise for succeeding in college but may need additional support throughout their time at MVCC.

College in High School Opportunities

Mohawk Valley Community College offers high school students a valuable opportunity to jumpstart their college education through programs that allow enrollment in college-level courses while still completing their high school requirements. These opportunities offer students a unique and transformative educational experience. By allowing high school students to enroll in college-level courses, these programs bridge the gap between secondary and post-secondary education, fostering an environment where academic rigor and intellectual growth thrive. Students not only gain exposure to challenging coursework but also earn valuable college credits, setting the foundation for a smoother transition into higher education. For more information, call 315-792-5500 or email us at cap@mvcc.edu.

Dual Credit Courses

High school juniors and seniors with an 80 or above high school average may enroll in college courses through the MVCC Dual Credit Program. Dual credit courses cover the same content as those taught on the college campus but, because they are taught in local high schools, offer convenience and accessibility. Dual credit courses are offered to students in regional school districts. Since dual credit course offerings vary by high school, interested students should consult their school counselors to help select appropriate courses. [Learn more about Dual Credit.](#)

Utica Academy of Science Bridge

(full-time or part-time, Utica Academy of Science students only)

This bridge opportunity is only open to Utica Academy of Science juniors and seniors. Interested students go through a selective application and interview process during the spring of their sophomore or junior year. Interested students should consult their school counselor at Utica Academy of Science.

Magnet Bridge

(full-time, Proctor High School-Utica only)

Magnet Bridge is a scholarship program open to T.R. Proctor students through an application process during the spring of their junior year of high school. Sponsored by the Utica City School District and MVCC, this program provides funding of tuition and fees for accepted students to attend MVCC as full-time college students throughout their senior year of high school. Students are carefully advised to take courses that complete their high school requirements while giving them a start in their chosen college majors. Interested students should contact the Proctor Guidance Office or the MVCC Dual Credit Office. [Learn more about Magnet Bridge.](#)

Middle Settlement Academy

Middle Settlement Academy at MVCC is designed specifically for students in Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES Alternative Education program completing their senior year of high school, as well as those juniors who are in position and wish to graduate early. Students will not only work to complete high school graduation requirements, but will also engage in post high school education, training and work opportunities. The partnership with MVCC will allow students an option of educational training that can lead to high-tech careers in advanced manufacturing, as well as certificate programs leading to employment in the areas of education, healthcare and the skilled trades. Those seniors enrolled in a two-year program at the Career and Technical Education Center are also able to continue attending there for a half-day to ensure completion of that work. All students are enrolled in the MSA Senior Seminar Course which not only enhances and supports their social-emotional well-being, but adequately prepares them for opportunities made available through the partnership.

Providing Regional Opportunities and Pathways for Enhanced Learning (PROPEL)

The PROPEL program is a partnership between MVCC and Madison-Oneida BOCES that provides students with an opportunity to earn credits toward selected degree programs while still in high school.

Students attend classes on the MVCC Rome Campus part-time beginning in their junior year. Participating students will pursue a degree pathway in one of four areas: Computer Science: Cybersecurity AS, Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) AAS, Mechanical Engineering Technology AAS or Education AS. Interested students from Madison-Oneida BOCES component districts should contact their School Counselor or the MVCC Dual Credit Office.