Students interested in compressing the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college (or more) should consider applying to the Smart Scholars Early College High School (ECHS) program through Questar III BOCES. This program allows institutions of higher education to partner with public school districts to create an opportunity for students to earn at least 24 but up to 60 college credits while also completing their high school diploma.

Located on the Hudson Valley Community College campus, the program will assist students on the path to a college degree, while saving their families thousands of dollars in tuition costs.

ECHS is designed to give students historically underrepresented at the postsecondary level the opportunity to get a jumpstart on their college education and their future careers. Upon completion of the program, students are first in line for jobs in an exciting and growing field. Or, they can continue their education at a four-year school. *Eighth graders in participating districts are eligible to apply. Students must apply through the district in which they reside.*

### Who is a good candidate for ECHS?
**Students who:**
- Are motivated to explore new and exciting ways to learn
- Are interested in the rapidly developing field of web development
- Work well in a highly collaborative environment
- Are able to succeed in a non-traditional classroom setting
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**How long is the program?**
SS-ECHS is a four-year curriculum beginning the summer before the student’s freshman year of high school.

**How much does the program cost?**
Students can enroll in the program at no cost.

**When does college coursework begin?**
Students will participate in college-level courses no later than 10th grade.

**Do I have to pay for tuition, books or lab fees for college courses?**
No – all tuition for credits, labs and books are covered. ECHS students also receive all the privileges as other HVCC students.

**What kind of job can I get after completing the ECHS program?**
The curriculum is designed to help students be first in line for jobs in the rapidly growing web development industry.

**Can I still participate in my home school’s graduation?**
Yes – students will be able to walk with their peers during graduation and receive their diploma.

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