Dear Parent or Caregiver:

Your child is taking a Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) course through the CollegeNow at their high school or BOCES. Through concurrent enrollment, students get a head start on their degree and career goals, strengthen their college applications, and develop tools for future success. All of this at no charge to you!

What you should know about CollegeNow's Concurrent Enrollment Program:

➢ These are college courses, which appear on an official Tompkins Cortland Community College transcript with the semesters, TC3 course names, and letter grades. Students may log into their myTC3 account to review course grades, send official transcripts, and see progress towards a degree within DegreeWorks.

➢ Our College provides a scholarship so there is no cost to you or your district. Students residing outside of Cortland and Tompkins Counties **must** have an active Certificate of Residence on file.

➢ Expectations for the course are at the college level: rigorous course objectives; more work outside of class; tougher grading standards; and the expectation that students will come to class every day prepared to delve deeply into the material. The responsibility for academic success shifts to the student, including managing time, keeping up on assignments and deadlines, and reaching out to instructors and other school staff.

➢ Our CollegeNow instructors believe that future success in college is a function of an individual's maturity and previous experience as a student. Thus, we aim to provide your student with an authentic college experience that is more than course content. Guiding each student in the development of good academic habits is woven throughout CollegeNow course policies and daily practices. These habits enhance college readiness and support the skills necessary for them to meet the challenges of adulthood.

➢ Review with your child, the *Student Resources* at www.tompkinscortland.edu/collegenow. You will find information about concurrent enrollment, academic standards, transcripts, and free services, such as the library, tutoring, and career resources. You will also find information on CollegeNow Online, which allows students to supplement their school's offerings through online college courses.

➢ Students may use credits earned toward a degree at Tompkins Cortland or transfer the credits to most colleges around the country, depending on the student's major, course grade, and college policies. Generally, a "C" or higher in a course on the official TC3 transcript is needed. Every college sets its own policies governing transfer credit. Students should research the credit transfer policies at their colleges of interest. Surveys show that more than 90% of colleges accept concurrent enrollment credit.

➢ Students experiencing difficulty maintaining a desirable course average may withdraw from the course in accordance with the dates below to avoid receiving an unsatisfactory grade on their official college transcript. Poor grades and withdrawals may affect academic standing and financial aid.

Fall 2024	Spring 2025 and Full Year Courses
Last Day to Add – October 8	Last Day to Add – March 11
Last Day to Drop – October 15	Last Day to Drop – March 18
Last Day to Withdraw (W) – January 8	Last Day to Withdraw (W) – June 6

CollegeNow has one of the largest, most comprehensive, and highest quality concurrent enrollment programs within SUNY and New York State. We look forward to serving you and your family as important members of our College community. Please contact your school counselor or our office for information about Tompkins Cortland and CollegeNow programs for high school students, as well as to learn how we can support your child's educational journey with a degree or other credential with TC3. Thank you and welcome to the TC3 community!

Sincerely,

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