Students enrolled in high school PLTW engineering courses who achieve a B or better and are recommended by their PLTW instructor will earn the following advanced standing credit:

**Introduction to Engineering Design:**
- 1 out of 2 credits for Print Reading (10-606-127)

**Principles of Engineering:**
- General Physics (10-806-154)

Students enrolled in the Engineering Design and Development course will receive the following Southwest Tech course credit:

- 1 credit module of Integrated Manufacturing Planning (10-606-120) & 1 credit module of Integrated Manufacturing Production (10-606-121)

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**Advanced Standing and Southwest Tech Course Credit Are Available**

**Does Your High School Offer Project Lead the Way Courses?**

**Earn ADVANCED STANDING CREDIT in High School**

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**What is advanced standing credit?**

Advanced standing recognizes the skills you attained in high school courses by allowing you to earn college credit for certain high school classes.

**How does this opportunity benefit me?**

When you successfully complete an advanced standing course you will receive credit for that high school course upon enrollment at the technical college, and those credits will be applied toward your technical college degree. You will receive these technical college credits at no cost to you, making your post-secondary education more cost effective.

**Will I complete a program more quickly?**

It might be possible to do so. An even greater opportunity is that you will have time to take additional courses during your technical college career that will enrich your professional and personal life. If you choose not to take additional courses, you will have additional time in your schedule for study or work-related activities.

**How will I know if I qualify?**

When you satisfactorily complete a class that is covered by an advanced standing agreement between your high school and Southwest Tech, Southwest Tech reviews the recommendation of your high school teacher, and if you qualify, issues an Advanced Standing Certificate to you. When you later enroll in a Southwest Tech program, just present the Advanced Standing Certificate, and you will be awarded the credits you have earned.

**Will I benefit if I don’t attend Southwest Tech?**

First of all, we’re sorry to hear that Southwest Tech isn’t currently a part of your educational plan. But don’t forget, plans can change. The advanced standing certificate helps to keep all of your options open. You may choose to attend another technical college within the Wisconsin Technical College System. Other colleges within the system will honor your advanced standing certificate if they offer a course similar in content to the Southwest Tech course for which the certificate was earned. Advanced standing credit may be applied up to 27 months from your date of high school graduation.

**What if I decide to earn a 4-year degree?**

Technical colleges throughout the state are constantly developing transfer agreements with both private and public 4-year institutions. These agreements allow technical college associate degree graduates to receive credits toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree at participating institutions.

**How do I learn about opportunities at my school?**

The best place to start is with your high school counselor. Your counselor has information about specific courses and about programs available through Southwest Tech as well as other colleges within the system. Your counselor or faculty advisor can help you plan your education to take the best advantage of all opportunities.

**May I call Southwest Tech for more information?**

Of course, we would be pleased to assist you. Call our toll-free number and ask to speak to one of the counselors or program advisors at Southwest Tech. They can provide additional information, answer your questions about how your advanced standing credit may apply to a program, or help to arrange to speak to faculty members representing programs that interest you. We hope you will call if we can assist you in any way.