Welcome to Ridgewater College’s College in the Schools Program! As a student in a College in the Schools class, it is important that you know the following information regarding your enrollment:

**Make a folder...keep your classwork:** If you’re planning on attending college after you graduate, this course may be eligible for transfer credit. However, sometimes colleges need more information than what appears on your Ridgewater transcript. Therefore, keep your classwork in a folder for future reference and documentation.

**Your college transcript is with you forever:** The grade you earn in this class will also show up on your college transcript. Oftentimes that grade is transferred into your college, impacting your GPA. Strive for the best grade possible to start your GPA off right!

**You have until the first Friday to drop without penalty:** Don’t want to take this class? You need to drop by Friday of the class. Stop by and talk to your guidance counselor to make the official drop. If you decide after Friday to drop, you must call Ridgewater at 320-222-5210, and you will receive a “W” on your transcript.

**“W” and “C-” grades (or lower) can impact your future financial aid eligibility:** If you withdraw from this course after Friday (putting a “W”—for withdrawal—on your transcript), or fail the course, you could impact your future financial aid eligibility. Work with your teacher if you fall behind or are having trouble. We want you to succeed!

**“W” and “C-” grades (or lower) can put you on Academic Probation—even before you start college in the fall:** If your college transcript has more “W” or “F” grades than passing letter grades, you could be on academic probation. Students who withdraw (putting a “W”—for withdrawal—on your transcript) or earn a grade of a C- or lower in a College in the Schools class, run the risk of staring their college career on probation. If you are having trouble in your class, talk to your teacher!

Taking a college course in high school can be challenging, but in the end—rewarding. Your hard work and dedication will not only put you ahead of entering freshmen, but will also start you on the road to being a successful college student!