



cumberland county college

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We all win with *School Counts!*

Through *School Counts!* high school students can earn a certificate every year indicating they are workforce ready. Students earn the certificates by attending school regularly, achieving above average grades, accomplishing more than the minimum graduation requirements, including Algebra I, and graduating on time.

Students can present their *School Counts!* certificates to over 450 area businesses who are participating in the program. The *School Counts!* business participants will guarantee certificate holders a job interview.

Students win because they learn the job skills they will need when they enter the work force. Employers win because they get better-educated, skilled workers who are able to demonstrate their commitment and succeed on the job. And Cumberland County wins because a skilled work force provides services, and keeps and attracts businesses.

The Cumberland County College Foundation views the *School Counts!* program as a vital, county-wide program that will enrich the quality of life in our region. The Foundation has raised over \$2.8 million to provide two-year tuition scholarships to county residents who earn four consecutive *School Counts!* certificates while in high school.

A call to action throughout the community can help to ensure we will be doing our part to make life better in Cumberland County. *School Counts!* stands for everything that's right in our community – being positive, believing in each other and making a difference.

Parents, ensure that your children enroll in the program and encourage their commitment to school. Students, take the initiative to learn important job skills while earning a scholarship to Cumberland County College.

School Counts! Criteria

- **Attendance**
Achieve 95% or better
Attendance and punctuality
record
- **Persistence**
Complete high school in
eight consecutive semesters
(four years)
- **Rigor**
Take more courses than the
Minimum graduation
Requirements and Algebra I
Or IMP 1
- **Quality**
Make a grade of "C" or better
in all academic courses

For more information contact the Cumberland County College Foundation office at 691-8600 ext. 392 or your local high school guidance counselor.

Please be reminded that the *School Counts!* Scholarship does not cover remedial courses, books, or associated fees.

Students must enroll each year while in high school