



Quick Facts

Early College Academy Description

The Early College Academy, co-located at Cecil College and Elkton High School *or* Cecil College and Perryville High School, will enroll students beginning in grade 9. Successful students will complete high school with a high school diploma and an Associate's degree from Cecil College. Each year up to 25 students will be selected for admission into each Academy. Prior to their freshman year, Academy students will participate in an Orientation Program to introduce them to academic expectations and resources available to them during their four years in the Academy. Throughout their enrollment, students are supported by tutors, mentors, and advisors from CCPS and Cecil College. While taking classes, students are guided through seminars and individualized advising to help them build the academic skills needed to succeed in high school and college coursework.

Admission Process

Each eighth grade student entering the Early College Academy must complete the admissions process by **April 16th**. They will submit application materials to **their middle school counselor**. Application materials are then reviewed and evaluated by CCPS administrators and Cecil College. Students are contacted in early May to confirm their admission to the Academy.

Application materials include the following:

- A transcript with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- College bound scholarship eligibility form
- Student questionnaire
- Parent & child acknowledgement of expectations
- Consent to Release School Records form

Support Services

Academic support will be provided throughout each year of enrollment. Support services will be highlighted at orientation, so students and their families are sufficiently aware of the resources available to help them succeed. Students will have access to tutoring, library resources, a reading and writing center, and computer labs. Academy students will be guided through their coursework with the support of an academic advisor. The advisor will also coordinate the academic seminars each year of the program. A sampling of the seminars is as follows:

- Test Taking Techniques
- Time Management
- Study Skills & Strategies
- Math Building Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Writing Workshops

ECA Curriculum

Grade Level	High School Coursework	Cecil College Coursework	Academic Seminars
9	English 9 Geometry or Algebra II Government Earth and Environmental Systems or Biology Elective (World Language)	Health Fitness (2 courses) Career Development	Freshman Seminar
10	English 10 or AP Mathematics (Algebra II or Trig/Functions/Stats) US History Biology or other science Elective or Support Hall Elective (World Language)	Computer Science Sociology Public Speaking Music Appreciation	Writing Competencies
11	Mathematics (Trig/Functions/Stats or Pre-Calculus) Elective	Freshman Composition Composition and Literature Concentration Electives (2) World History I & II Physical Science with Lab	Math Competencies
12		Statistics and/or Pre-Calculus Concentration Electives (2) Social Science Elective Philosophy Lab Science	