



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

Course Offerings in 2021-2022

See ECA enclosed curriculum sheet.

Registration for college courses will be completed by the Director of Early College. Registration for high school courses will occur in the spring of 2021 as regularly scheduled.

Early College Academy Cecil Support Team

Director of Early College April Stern astern@cecil.edu

Academic Advisor for Students April Stern astern@cecil.edu

Academy Costs (approximate and based on 2020-2021 tuition rates)

	In-County Residents Tuition Rate	Fees	Family Portion (After Scholarships)	Cecil College Scholarship per Credit
1 Credit	\$125.00	Varies	\$62.50	\$62.50
3 Credits	\$375.00	Varies	\$187.50	\$187.50

- On average, an Associate's Degree is 60 credits.
- Total cost of tuition **with** Cecil College Scholarship is approximately \$3,750.00 over four years of high school. Tuition **without** the Cecil College Scholarship is approximately \$7,500.00.
- Students who are eligible for Free and Reduced Meals through CCPS, please contact your guidance counselor to discuss tuition rates.

Important Dates

DATE	ACTION
April 2021	Complete high school registration (If needed, subject to change based on enrollment in the Early College Academy).
April 16 th 2021	Complete Early College Academy admissions packet and submit to middle school counselor.
May 2021	Students receive acceptance letters and next steps.
August 2021	Early College Academy Orientation Program at Elkton High School or Perryville High School
August 2021	CCPS & Cecil College first day of classes.

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	

Cecil County Public High School Early College Academy

Application Process

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year



The following are instructions to help you complete the application:

1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. **Students** should complete the application in black or blue ink.
3. Return your completed application directly to your middle school counselor.

Step 1- Applying

Submit the following documents by April 16th, 2021 to your middle school counselor. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

- Completed Early College Academy College Bound Scholarship Eligibility Form
- Completed Consent to Release (CCPS)
- Early College Academy student questionnaire
- Parent and child acknowledgement of expectations

Step 2- Selection Process

Admission into the Early College Academy will be based on the following factors:

- Minimum of 3.0 unweighted grade point average
- Successful completion of Algebra I (or higher) in mathematics
- Completed middle school transcript
- Review of student questionnaire

Note: No preference will be given for early applications. Applications will only be reviewed for completeness prior to the April 16th, 2021 application deadline. All applications for acceptance will be evaluated at the same time.

Step 3- Confirmation of Acceptance

After applications are reviewed, students accepted into the ECA will receive an email of acceptance early May 2021. Upon receipt of an acceptance email, students must:

- Send an email confirming acceptance into the Academy by May 15th. All emails must to be sent to: April Stern, Director of Early College at Cecil College at astern@cecil.edu
- Complete the Cecil College Admissions application specific to Early College Academy students. Directions will be provided after acceptance into the program.

Step 4- Fall Orientation

Accepted students will attend the mandatory orientation night at Elkton High School or Perryville High School, date to be announced. ECA schedules will be provided the night of orientation.



CCPS Early College Academy Application Timeline

February/March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information distribution to Cecil County Middle Schools and area private schools.
March 2nd Elkton March 4th Perryville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elkton Virtual Zoom Information Night, 6pm• Perryville Virtual Zoom Information Night, 6pm
April 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All completed application packets due to middle school counselor.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students to receive acceptance letters and next steps.
May 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline to return email of acceptance to Cecil College's Director of Early College
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freshman Orientation program at Elkton High School/Perryville High School



Early College Academy College Bound Scholarship Eligibility Form 2021-2022

College Bound Scholarship participants must meet the following requirements:

- be certified as a Cecil County Public School Early College Academy Student.
- possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above.

This form must be completed and submitted to your guidance counselor. Once accepted into the Early College Academy Program, Students must also complete the Cecil College admissions application. Skills assessments must be completed at the end of the sophomore year for English and at the end of the junior year for mathematics. **THE COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DOES NOT APPLY TO DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES.**

Early College Academy students will pay the tuition rate based on their residency minus one half the in-county tuition rate. Additional scholarship adjustments will be made for administrative fees. Course fees are variable and are charged accordingly.

Name: _____ (Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____ (M.I)

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

High School Attending: Elkton High School Perryville High School

Grade Point Average: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

I hereby authorize Cecil College to release my school records to the high school named above and to my parent indicated below:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

CCPS Official: _____ Date: _____

Principal OR Guidance Counselor

FARM Student (For Official Use Only)



CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSENT TO RELEASE RECORDS

This form is provided by _____
(School)

For the purpose of obtaining/releasing records concerning the following student:

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade Level: _____

Type of Record:

- School Information
 - Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 - Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
 - Section 504
 - ESOL information (including ELP Scores and EL Plan)
- Health Information
- Other _____

I hereby authorize _____
(Name of School/Agency Releasing Records)

to release records for the above named student to:

(Name of Receiving School or Agency)

(Address)

The purpose for which these records will be used: _____

Information disclosed under this authorization may not be disclosed to any other party without the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student.

Ref. COMAR 13A.08.02.18 "Prior Consent for Disclosure Required."

(Parent/Legal Guardian)

(Relationship to Student)

(Student Signature if 18 Years of Age or Older)

(Date)

(Address)



ECA Student Questionnaire- This form allows us to get to know you as you apply to the Early College Academy. This form should be completed by the student.

Student Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Primary Parent/Guardian Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Student Education

Middle School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____

Academy Location Preference

Elkton High School Perryville High School

- If you do not get your preferred location would you be willing to go to the other location? YES NO

Hobbies

Please list a few of your favorite hobbies: (Note: it is okay not to answer this question.):

Hobby 1:

Hobby 2:

Hobby 3:

High School Interests

Please select any of the following high school initiatives that interest you (Note: it is okay not to answer this question.):

Academic Competition Team	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Marching Band and Color Guard	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Art Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	National English Honor Society	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Athletics (Sports Teams)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	National Honor Society	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Chess Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Chorus and Choral Ensemble	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Photography Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Class Advisors	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Project Lead the Way	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Concert Band	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Renaissance Committee	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Drama Department	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Robotics Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Envirothon	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Ski & Snowboard Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
French Honor Society/French Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish Honor Society	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Future Business Leaders of America	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Student Athletic Trainer	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Future Farms of America	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Student Council	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Gay/Straight Alliance	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Student Diversity Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Helping Hands	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Technical College High School (TCHS)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Interact Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Tri-M Music Honor Society	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
LEOs Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	WOHS	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Library Book Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Yearbook	YES <input type="checkbox"/>

Top Three Colleges or Universities of Choice

Please list three college or universities that you feel are a good fit for you and your educational goals (Note: it is okay not to answer this question.):

College/University:

Desired field of study:

College/University:

Desired field of study:

College/University:

Desired field of study:

Signature

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Parent and Child Acknowledgement of Expectations

Student Expectations

If you are accepted into the ECA, you agree to accept and follow the expectations below:

- ECA is an academically rigorous program and requires dedication by students both in class and out of class.
- Students are expected to demonstrate maturity, self-discipline, and persistence necessary to handle the responsibility of taking college courses.
- Students should take responsibility for their own learning, behavior, and success.
- Students will be required to complete several projects that help apply classroom concepts to real-world situations.
- Students are expected to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, maintain good attendance, and appropriate behavior in high school and college courses. Students who fall below the minimum GPA requirement may be asked to leave the program.
- Students are expected to place at college level English by the completion of their sophomore year of high school.
- Students are expected to place at college level Mathematics by the completion of their junior year of high school.

Parent/Guardian Expectations

If your child is accepted into the ECA, you agree to accept and follow the expectations below:

- ECA is a four-year program and requires a long-term commitment from the student and parent.
- Parents will ensure that their student has good attendance, arrives to school on time, and makes a conscious effort to reduce vacations taken during the college semester.
- Parents will monitor their student's academic progress on Blackboard and/or MyCecil.
- Parents will stay informed about ECA related activities and events by checking parent newsletters and reading information sent home with the student.
- Parents will attend any parent meetings and/or conferences arranged by ECA staff.
- Parents understand that their student may have two or more hours of homework at night.
- Parents understand that if their student does not maintain a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average, good attendance, and appropriate behavior in all high school and college courses, he or she may be asked to leave the program.

I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the expectations outlined above.

Student's name (Please Print):

Student's Signature:

Date:

Parent's /Guardian's name (Please Print):

Parent's /Guardian's Signature:

Date: