Cecil County Public High School Early College Academy
Application Process
Enrollment for the 2024-2025 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 9th 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 9th, 2024 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 2024. 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 Cecil College-date to be announced. ECA schedules will be provided the night of orientation.
## CCPS Early College Academy Application Timeline

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<td>February/March</td>
<td>• Information distribution to Cecil County Middle Schools and area private schools.</td>
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<td>March 11th Elkton</td>
<td>• Elkton Information Night, 6pm</td>
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<td>March 14th Perryville</td>
<td>• Perryville Information Night, 6pm</td>
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<td>April 9th</td>
<td>• All completed application packets due to middle school counselor.</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>• Students to receive acceptance letters and next steps.</td>
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<td>May 15th</td>
<td>• Deadline to return email of acceptance to Cecil College’s Director of Early College</td>
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<td>August</td>
<td>• Orientation at Cecil College</td>
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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 9th. 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:

- 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. A sampling of the seminars is as follows:

- Test Taking Techniques
- Time Management
- Study Skills & Strategies
- Math Building Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills
Course Offerings in 2024-2025

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 2024 as regularly scheduled.

Early College Academy Cecil Support Team

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<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Email</th>
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<tr>
<td>Director of Early College</td>
<td>April Stern</td>
<td><a href="mailto:astern@cecil.edu">astern@cecil.edu</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Academic Advisor for Students</td>
<td>April Stern</td>
<td><a href="mailto:astern@cecil.edu">astern@cecil.edu</a></td>
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Academy Costs

To be determined- More information will be provided at the Parent Information Nights. March 11th, 6pm at Elkton High School and March 14th, 6pm at Perryville High School.

Important Dates

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<td>April 2024</td>
<td>Complete high school registration (If needed, subject to change based on enrollment in the Early College Academy).</td>
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<td>April 9th 2024</td>
<td>Complete Early College Academy admissions packet and submit to middle school counselor.</td>
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<td>May 2024</td>
<td>Students receive acceptance letters and next steps.</td>
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<td>August 2024</td>
<td>Early College Academy Orientation Program</td>
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<td>September 2024</td>
<td>CCPS &amp; Cecil College first day of classes.</td>
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## ECA Curriculum

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<td><strong>English 9</strong>&lt;br&gt;Geometry or Algebra II&lt;br&gt;Government&lt;br&gt;Earth and Environmental Systems or Biology&lt;br&gt;Elective (World Language)</td>
<td><strong>Health</strong>&lt;br&gt;Fitness (2 courses)&lt;br&gt;Interpersonal Communications</td>
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<td><strong>English 10 or AP</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mathematics (Algebra II or Trig/Functions/Stats)&lt;br&gt;US History&lt;br&gt;Biology or other science&lt;br&gt;Technology Course (IED, Computer Science Essentials)&lt;br&gt;Elective (World Language)</td>
<td><strong>Computer Science</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sociology&lt;br&gt;Public Speaking&lt;br&gt;Music Appreciation (PVHS) or Art Appreciation (EHS)</td>
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<td><strong>Mathematics</strong> (Trig/Functions/Stats or Pre-Calculus)&lt;br&gt;Elective</td>
<td><strong>Freshman Composition</strong>&lt;br&gt;Composition and Literature&lt;br&gt;Concentration Electives (2)&lt;br&gt;World History I &amp; II&lt;br&gt;Physical Science with Lab</td>
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<td><strong>College Level Math</strong>&lt;br&gt;Concentration Electives (2)&lt;br&gt;Social Science Elective&lt;br&gt;Philosophy/Ethics/ HUM&lt;br&gt;Lab Science</td>
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ECA Student Questionnaire- This form allows us to get to know you as you apply to the Early College Academy. (Please print)

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.):*

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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: ____________________________
Consent to Release Educational Record Information High School Student

This form is provided by Cecil College for the purpose of releasing educational records for the following student:

Name of Student

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number

Date of Birth

College ID #

I hereby authorize Cecil College to release my educational record information to:

Parent/Guardian:

Other/Relationship:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone Number:

High School Name:

The purpose for which these records will be used: Academic monitoring, attendance, grades, transcripts, and other personally identifiable information as requested.

Student 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.

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 Canvas and/or MyCecil.
➢ Parents will stay informed about ECA related activities and events by checking their emails 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: ___________________________
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)

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