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 <u>black or blue ink.</u>
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:

- o Minimum of **3.0** unweighted grade point average
- o Successful completion of Algebra I (or higher) in mathematics
- o Completed middle school transcript
- o 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:

- o 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
- o 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.

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CCPS Early College Academy Application Timeline

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

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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

Director of Early College   April Stern   astern@cecil.edu

Academic Advisor for Students   April Stern   astern@cecil.edu

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

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

ECA Curriculum

Grade Level	High School	Cecil College	Seminars
9	English 9 Geometry or Algebra II Government Earth and Environmental Systems or Biology Elective (World Language)	Health Fitness (2 courses) Interpersonal Communications	Freshman Seminar
10	English 10 or AP Mathematics (Algebra II or Trig/Functions/Stats) US History Biology or other science Technology Course (IED, Computer Science Essentials Elective (World Language)	Computer Science Sociology Public Speaking Music Appreciation (PVHS) or Art Appreciation (EHS)	
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		College Level Math Concentration Electives (2) Social Science Elective Philosophy/Ethics/ HUM Lab Science	

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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   ☐

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

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.):

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

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:

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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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