



## Quick Facts

### Early College Academy Description

The Early College Academy, located at Cecil College, enrolls students beginning in grade 9. Successful students will complete high school with a high school diploma (or its equivalent) and an associate degree from Cecil College. Each year up to 25 students are selected for admission to the 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 and advisors from 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 student entering the Early College Academy must complete the admissions process. By **July 15<sup>th</sup>**, eighth grade students must complete and submit application materials to the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment. Application materials are reviewed and evaluated by administrators from Cecil College. Students are contacted by the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment to confirm their admission to the Academy.

- A transcript (or its equivalent) with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- College bound scholarship eligibility form
- Student questionnaire
- Parent and child acknowledgement of expectations

### Support Services

Academic support is provided throughout each year of enrollment. Support services are highlighted at orientation, so students and their families are sufficiently aware of the resources available to help them succeed. Students have access to tutoring, library resources, a reading and writing center, and computer labs. Academy students are 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

## Parental Services

Services are also provided for parents and guardians of students. Parents are granted full access to student records and meet with the ECA advisor to discuss academic progress and future plans.

NOTE: Registration for college courses will be completed by the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment.

## Early College Academy Cecil Support Team

Director of Advising & Dual Enrollment      April Stern      [astern@cecil.edu](mailto:astern@cecil.edu)

Coordinator of Dual Enrollment / Advisor      Quanette Ford      [qford@cecil.edu](mailto:qford@cecil.edu)

## Academy Costs (2024-2025) approximate *In-County* tuition rates)

	In-County Tuition Rate	Course Fees (Variable)	Total (After Scholarship)	<i>Cecil College Scholarship Discount</i>
1 Credit	\$135.00	TBD	\$101.25	\$33.75
3 Credits	\$405.00	TBD	\$303.75	\$101.25

- Consolidated Fee      \$21.00/credit hour
- Student Development Fee (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> waived)      \$8.00/credit hour
- Barnes & Noble First Day Complete Fee      \$24.00/credit hour
- On average, an Associate Degree is 60 credits. Most classes are 3 credits.

## Important Dates

DATE	ACTION
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Attend virtual information session, via Zoom 2pm.
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Early College Academy admissions packet due date.
July	Students receive acceptance letters and next steps.
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Confirm acceptance to the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment.
August	ECA Orientation.
August	Cecil College courses begin.

## ECA Curriculum

Grade Level	High School Coursework <b>*Dependent on Homeschool Curriculum*</b>	Cecil College Coursework	Academic Seminars
9	English Mathematics Social Studies Science	Health Fitness (2 courses) Career Development	Freshman Seminar
10	English Mathematics Social Studies Science	Computer Science Sociology Public Speaking Music Appreciation	
11	Mathematics Art	English (2 courses) Concentration Electives (2) History (2 courses) Physical Science with Lab	Math Competencies
12		Statistics and/or Pre-Calculus Social Science Elective Philosophy/Ethics/HUM Concentration Electives (2) Lab Science	



## Student Services and Enrollment Management

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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

### Favorite Hobbies

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

**Hobby 1:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Hobby 2:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Hobby 3:**

\_\_\_\_\_

## Extra Curricular Interests

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

Alpha Alpha Theta (AAT) Honor Society	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Hoopnotic (hula hooping group)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Active Minds (mental health awareness)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Horticulture Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Allies (LGBTQ support and social networking)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Multicultural Student Union (MSU)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Amazing Grace (Christian student group)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Photography Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Art Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Psychology Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Cecil Math League	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Robotics Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Geekdom	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Student Leadership Council	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
History Club	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Student Veterans Organization	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:*

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*Desired field of study:*

**Signature**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Early College Academy at Cecil College

## Application Process



### **Step 1- Applying**

Submit the following documents by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

- ☐ Completed Early College Academy College Bound Scholarship Eligibility Form
- ☐ Official middle school transcript or its equivalent
- ☐ Early College Academy student questionnaire
- ☐ Parent and child acknowledgement of expectations

Applications can be emailed to [gford@cecil.edu](mailto:gford@cecil.edu) or sent via mail:

Cecil College  
C/O Quanette Ford, Coordinator of Dual Enrollment  
One Seahawk Drive  
North East, MD 21901

### **Step 2- Selection Process**

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

- Students must be 14 years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Minimum of 3.0 unweighted grade point average
- Successful completion of Algebra I (or higher) in mathematics
- Official middle school transcript or its equivalent
- Review of student questionnaire

*Note: No preference will be given for early applications. Applications will only be reviewed for completeness prior to the 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 in July. Upon receipt of the acceptance email, students must:

- Send an email confirming acceptance into the Academy by **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. All emails must to be sent to: Quanette Ford, Coordinator of Dual Enrollment at Cecil College at [gford@cecil.edu](mailto:gford@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 in August. ECA schedules will be provided the night of orientation.





## 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: