

# Oxford Area 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.

### **Step 1- Applying**

Submit the following documents by June 3, 2024 to the Director of Early College. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

- ☐ Completed Early College Academy College Bound Scholarship Eligibility Form
- ☐ Middle School Transcript
- ☐ 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 June 3, 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. Upon receipt of that email, students must:

- Send an email confirming acceptance into the Academy. All emails must to be sent to: April Stern, Director of Early College at Cecil College at [astern@cecil.edu](mailto: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 Oxford Area High School in August 2024. ECA schedules will be provided the night of orientation.



### Oxford Early College Academy Application Timeline

<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Penn's Grove Information Night, 6pm</li><li>• Application packet posted on OAHS website</li></ul>
<b>June 3rd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All completed application packets due to Cecil College's Early College Director.</li></ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students to receive acceptance letters and next steps.</li></ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deadline to return email of Intent to Cecil College's Early College Director</li></ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Freshman Orientation program at OAHS</li></ul>



## Quick Facts

### Early College Academy Description

The Early College Academy, co-located at Cecil College and Oxford Area 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 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, mentors, and advisors from Oxford 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 **June 3rd**. They will submit application materials to the Early College Academy Director or to the middle school guidance counselor. Application materials are reviewed and evaluated by administrators of Cecil College. Students are contacted by mid-June to confirm their admission to the Academy.

- A transcript with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- College bound scholarship eligibility form
- Student questionnaire
- Parent & child acknowledgement of expectations
- Successful completion of Algebra I

### 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 and 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 or Advisor. 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	<a href="mailto:astern@cecil.edu">astern@cecil.edu</a>
Academic Advisor for Students	Diena Gischel	<a href="mailto:dgischel@cecil.edu">dgischel@cecil.edu</a>

## Academy Costs (approximate and based on 2023-2024 tuition rates)

	Out-of-State Tuition Rate	Fees	<b>Early College Academy Tuition</b> (After Scholarships)	<i>Cecil College Scholarship per Credit</i>	<i>OASD Scholarship per Class*</i>
1 Credit	\$283.00	Varies	\$68.00	\$65.00	\$150.00
3 Credits	\$849.00	Varies	\$504.00	\$195.00	\$150.00

*\*Current OASD scholarship levels dependent on fundraising in subsequent years. This amount may increase or decrease.*

- On average, an Associate's Degree is 60 credits.
- Total cost of **tuition only** is approximately \$10,000 over four years of high school with the provided scholarships.

## Important Dates

DATE	ACTION
TBD	Attend ECA information session at Penns Grove Middles School
<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024</b>	Complete Early College Academy admissions packet and submit to ECA Director or middle school guidance counselor.
June 2024	Students receive acceptance letters and next steps.
August 2024	Early College Academy Orientation Program at Oxford Area High School and Cecil College.
August 2024	Oxford Area School District & Cecil College first day of classes.



### ECA Curriculum

Grade Level	OAHS Coursework	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 Social Science Elective Public Speaking Humanities	
11	Mathematics	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	



## 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 be familiar with Cecil Colleges policies and procedures and adhere to the policies therein.

### 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.
- Parents are expected to be familiar with Cecil Colleges policies and procedures and adhere to the policies therein.

***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:



**Student Services and Enrollment Management**

One Seahawk Drive | North East, MD 21901 | 410-287-1000 | Fax: 410-287-1001 | [www.cecil.edu](http://www.cecil.edu)

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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:**

\_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Farmers 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:*

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*Desired field of study:*

## Signature

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