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 2nd. 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 2023-2024**

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 2023 as regularly scheduled.

**Early College Academy Cecil Support Team**

Director of Early College  
April Stern  
astern@cecil.edu

Academic Advisor for Students  
Diena Gischel  
dgischel@cecil.edu

**Academy Costs** (approximate and based on 2022-2023 tuition rates)

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<th>Credit</th>
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<th>Cecil College Scholarship per Credit</th>
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*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**

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<td>April 12th 2023</td>
<td>Attend ECA information session at Penns Grove Middles School</td>
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<td><strong>June 2nd 2023</strong></td>
<td>Complete Early College Academy admissions packet and submit to ECA Director or middle school guidance counselor.</td>
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<td>June 2023</td>
<td>Students receive acceptance letters and next steps.</td>
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<td>August 2023</td>
<td>Early College Academy Orientation Program at Oxford Area High School and Cecil College.</td>
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## ECA Curriculum

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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 2, 2023 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 2, 2023 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 by June 23rd, 2023. All emails must 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 Oxford Area High School in August 2023. ECA schedules will be provided the night of orientation.
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| April 12th| • Penn's Grove Information Night, 6pm  
             • Application packet posted on OAHS website |
| June 2nd  | • All completed application packets due to Cecil College's Early College Director. |
| June      | • Students to receive acceptance letters and next steps. |
| June 23rd | • Deadline to return email of Intent to Cecil College's Early College Director |
| August    | • Freshman Orientation program at OAHS |
This form must be completed and submitted to the Cecil College Registration Office prior to enrollment in classes. Once certified, students must complete the admissions and registration processes. Skills assessments and prerequisite requirements must be met prior to registration. The College Bound Scholarship program does not apply to developmental courses.

College Bound Scholarship participants must meet the following requirements:
- be at least 16 years of age or approved for Gifted and Talented admissions;
- high school seniors must possess a 2.5 or above grade point average, all other students must possess a 3.0 or above grade point average;
- be certified by the high school or homeschool umbrella as meeting the eligibility requirements.

Eligible students will pay the tuition rate based on their residency minus one-half the in-county tuition rate. Students must pay all applicable fees.

*This scholarship does not apply to students attending Cecil County Public Schools. Refer to the CCPS to CECIL Scholarship Eligibility Form.*

Name: ___________________________________________     ___________________________     _______
(Last Name)          (First Name)                    (M.I)

Date of Birth: _______ /______ /______
(Month)    (Day)     (Year)

High School Attending: _____________________________________________________

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/Guardian Signature:   __________________________________  Date:  _______________

High School Authorization:  __________________________________  Date:  _______________

Principal   OR    Guidance Counselor

☐ Principal  OR  ☐ Guidance Counselor

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**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.

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### Primary Parent/Guardian Information

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### Student Education

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

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:**

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**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 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 Blackboard 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: ________________