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Diena Gischel, Director of Advising
ECA Program Overview

- Offer a progressively rigorous academic experience
- Courses offered on-site at Elkton High School, Perryville High School and Cecil College
- Cohort learning model for first 2 years
- College scholarship provided to cut tuition costs
- Transferrable Credit
- Parental access to college records
- Total of 25 students in *each* cohort- Perryville High and Elkton High
Program Concept

CONTINUOUS SUPPORT THROUGHOUT PROGRAM

Increase college completion rates
Develop awareness of collegiate culture
Provide an alternative pathway to college enrollment
Academic Features

- Concurrently complete high school & college requirements
- Complete an Associates Degree in General Studies
- Assess college skills levels intermittently throughout the program
- Academic milestones:
  - College-level writing skills demonstrated at conclusion of sophomore year of high school
  - College-level math skills demonstrated at conclusion of junior year of high school
Support Services

- ECA orientation required prior to every semester for parents and students
- First-Year Experience course required
- Students assigned same college advisor for four years
- Academic Success seminars required for three years
- Access to tutoring, library resources, writing center, math lab, and computer labs
- Web-based support services tool
- Academy Coordinator serves as single point of contact for parents
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<td>English 9&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>Health Fitness (2 courses)&lt;br&gt;Career Development</td>
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<td>Computer Science&lt;br&gt;Sociology&lt;br&gt;Public Speaking&lt;br&gt;Music Appreciation</td>
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<td>Mathematics (Trig/Functions/Stats or Pre-Calculus)&lt;br&gt;Elective</td>
<td>Freshman Composition and Literature Concentration Electives (2)&lt;br&gt;World History I &amp; II&lt;br&gt;Physical Science with Lab</td>
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Admissions Criteria

During the spring of 8th grade, students should provide the following application materials for admission:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Successful completion of Algebra or the blended math
- Admissions application
  - College bound scholarship eligibility form
  - Student questionnaire
  - Parent and child acknowledgement of expectations
  - CCPS release
  - Cecil College application
- Due to middle school guidance counselor April 3rd
### ECA Cost

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*Cost based on 2019-2020 tuition rates and are subject to change.
*Student must live in Cecil county to pay In-County tuition rates.

- On average, an Associate’s Degree is 60 credits.
- Total cost of tuition *with* the Cecil College Scholarship is **$3,660.00** over four years of high school.
- Total cost of tuition *without* the Cecil Scholarship: **$7,320.00**
ECA Student Outcomes

- Cohort 1 (E)- Sophomore average GPA 3.65 (3 semesters)
- Cohort 2 (E)- Freshmen average GPA 3.55 (1 semester)
- Cohort 1 (P)- Freshmen average GPA 3.45 (1 semester)
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| March 3rd/March 12th| * Elkton Information Night (March 3rd)  
* Perryville Information Night (March 12th) |
| April 3rd           | All completed application packets due to middle school counselor.                  |
| May                 | Students to receive acceptance letters and next steps.                             |
| May 15th            | Deadline to return Letter of Intent to Cecil College's Early College Academy Coordinator. |
| August              | Freshman Orientation program at Elkton High School/Perryville High School          |
Questions?

Early College Academy

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