



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. They will submit application materials to the Dual Enrollment Coordinator 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
- Study Skills & Strategies
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Time Management
- Math Building Skills

## Course Offerings in 2025-2026

See ECA enclosed curriculum sheet.

Registration for college courses will be completed by the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment. Registration for high school courses will occur in the spring of 2025 as regularly scheduled.

## Early College Academy Cecil Support Team

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## Academy Costs (approximate and based on 2024-2025 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	\$308.00	Varies	\$90.50	\$67.50	\$150.00
3 Credits	\$924.00	Varies	\$571.50	\$202.50	\$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 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025</b>	Complete Early College Academy admissions packet and submit to Dual Enrollment Coordinator or middle school guidance counselor.
June 2025	Students receive acceptance letters and next steps.
August 2025	Early College Academy Orientation Program at Oxford Area High School and Cecil College.
August 2025	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	