

**Oxford Area School District
HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College
Partnership Highlights**

Over the past five years OASD has partnered with colleges to make early college options available for students starting as early as ninth grade. As demand for these programs have grown, OASD has increased the number of partnerships so students have multiple choices for this innovative academic pathway. Over the upcoming months interested students, and their families, will have the opportunity to enroll in the ECA with our newest Pennsylvania partner, **HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College** in Lancaster.

Special Features

- Coursework in the general studies major is progressively more rigorous and designed to be academically appropriate for each grade level.
- The program assists families to significantly decrease the overall cost of a bachelor’s degree.
- The ECA addresses college-readiness preparation for all Academy participants while enrolled in the ECA and as they transfer to a four-year college.

Blended Curriculum

Academic Experience	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Oxford Courses	English Mathematics Social Studies Science	English Mathematics Social Studies Science	Mathematics	Honors and/or Advanced Placement Electives Concentration Electives
HACC Courses	Health Fitness (2 courses) Career Development	Music Appreciation Gov’t. & Politics World History I World History II	English (2 courses) Concentration Electives (2) Philosophy Psych 101	Computer Science Mathematics Speech Concentration Electives (2) General Biology Physical Science
Seminars	College-Prep Seminar	Writing Seminar	Math Seminar	Transfer & College Application Seminar

- Many college courses will fulfill OAHS and HACC graduation requirements.
- Students must place at college-level English upon completing the sophomore year of high school.
- Students must place at college-level mathematics upon completing the junior year of high school.
- Seminars are mandatory academic experiences offered at no fee.

Shared Resources

- OASD and HACC provide faculty and support services staff dedicated to assisting ECA students.
- Both organizations provide classroom space and the needed technology to support ECA students.
- ECA students may access student resources available on the Lancaster Campus (library, learning resource centers, career services, tutoring, etc.) throughout their enrollment.

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Academic Highlights

- Students complete 60 college credits while in high school and may receive an Associate's Degree at the same time as they graduate from high school.
- Students will enroll in the general studies program which maximizes the transferability of credit.
- Students can complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while still in high school.
- Coursework is transferrable to colleges throughout Pennsylvania and many out-of-state institutions.

Co-curricular & Support Services

- High school and college advisors work with students throughout their enrollment in the ECA.
- Academic seminars are offered each year to prepare students for the academic rigor of the ECA.
- Scheduling allows student participation in co-curricular activities while in high school (sports, band, choir, theater).
- NOTE: Enrollment in the ECA does not impact NCAA athletic eligibility while in high school or the college years after graduating from Oxford.

Location & Transportation

- Students complete college courses onsite at the high school during their freshman and sophomore years.
- Students complete college courses on the Lancaster Campus of HACC during their junior and senior years.
- OASD provides transportation to and from college.
- All high school and college coursework is completed during the regular school day.

Cost & Payment

- Over four years the total cost of tuition is discounted. (Some course fees and books will be charged).
- Families will pay approximately \$7500 for a total of 60 credits.
- Payment is made in eight installments over the four years students are enrolled in high school.
- Eligible students may be able to secure scholarships in addition to tuition discounts.
- Families may use the 529 plan to defray out-of-pocket payments.

Admission & Application

- Students must have earned a 3.0 GPA by the completion of eighth grade.
- Students must have completed Algebra I prior to the start of ninth grade.
- The application deadline is June 15, 2019. Application packets are available in the guidance office.

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Oxford Area School District (OASD) and the Lancaster Campus of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College are partnering to launch an Early College Academy to begin in August, 2019. OASD began offering early college options in 2014. As demand has grown David Woods, Superintendent, sought a Pennsylvania partner to make certain that all eligible students could enroll in college courses as early as ninth grade. Superintendent Woods commented, "It is very important to our school system to create innovative pathways to make college more accessible and affordable for our students."

The Early College Academy weaves college coursework into student schedules beginning in ninth grade. Students simultaneously enroll in courses that fulfill high school graduation requirements and associate degree requirements. When students complete the secondary school years, they are able to earn both a high school diploma and an associate's degree in general studies with a concentration in their area of interest.

Throughout their enrollment, students participate in seminars that strengthens their academic readiness and broadens their awareness of college expectations. "We recognize that these students are starting their college studies at a young age. HACC is committed to making sure students not only receive a quality education but also receive the tools and support they need to be successful throughout their enrollment," said Stephen Ampersand, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Each year 25-30 students will be selected for admission to the Academy. Prior to their freshman year, Academy students participate in a mandatory Summer Orientation program to introduce them to college life, academic expectations, and resources available to them during their four years in the ECA. Throughout their enrollment, students are supported by tutors, mentors, and college advisors. 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.

Upon graduation students can transfer to four-year colleges having already completed two years of college. Currently, HACC has transfer agreements with most public and private colleges throughout Pennsylvania and many out-of-state institutions which eases the transition for Oxford students. Additionally, college advisors will assist students with the transfer process during their senior year of high school.

“This is an exciting partnership for the students in our school district. HACC is making it possible for Oxford students who want to jump-start college while in high school, to do so,” said Superintendent Woods.

For more information about the Early College Academy contact, Dr. Margaret Billings-Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Oxford Area School District (mbillings-jones@oxfordasd.org) or Tim Barshinger, Dean of Student Affairs on the Lancaster Campus of HACC (tpbarshi@hacc.edu).