

Early College ACADEMY

CECIL COLLEGE & OXFORD
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 College staff. 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 July 15th. They will submit application materials to the Early College Academy Coordinator. Application materials are reviewed and evaluated by administrators Cecil College. Students are contacted by the middle of July to confirm their admission to the Academy.

- A transcript with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- A college admissions application
- College bound scholarship eligibility form
- Student questionnaire
- Parent & child acknowledgement of expectations

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. The advisor will also coordinate the academic seminars each year of the program. A sampling of the seminars is as follows:

- Test Taking Techniques
- Time Management
- Study Skills & Strategies
- Math Building Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Writing Workshops

Course Offerings in 2019-2020

See ECA enclosed curriculum sheet.

Registration for college courses will occur on-site at Oxford Area High School. This registration will occur at the summer orientation program in August. Registration for high school courses will occur in the spring of 2019 as regularly scheduled.

Early College Academy Cecil Support Team

Point of Contact for Guidance Counselors & Registration April Stern astern@cecil.edu

Academic Advisor for Students Diena Gischel dgischel@cecil.edu

Academy Costs (approximate and based on 2019-2020 tuition rates)

	Out-of-State Tuition Rate	Fees	Early College Academy Tuition (After Scholarships)	<i>Cecil College Scholarship per Credit</i>	<i>OASD Scholarship per Class*</i>
1 Credit	\$276.00	Varies	\$138.50	\$59.50	\$78.00

**Current scholarship levels dependent on fundraising in subsequent years.*

- On average, an Associate's Degree is 60 credits.
- Total cost of tuition *only* is approximately \$8,310 over four years of high school.

Important Dates

DATE	ACTION
April 11 th 2019	Attend ECA information session at Penn's Grove Middle School
July 15 th 2019	Complete Early College Academy admissions packet and submit to ECA Coordinator.
July 2019	Students receive acceptance letters and next steps.
August 2019	Early College Academy Orientation Program at Oxford Area High School and Cecil College.
August 2019	Oxford Area School District & Cecil College first day of classes.

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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 Academic Technology Study Habits & Strategies Test Taking Techniques
10	English Mathematics Social Studies Science	Computer Science Social Science Elective Public Speaking Humanities	Writing Competencies Critical Thinking Skills
11	Mathematics	English (2 courses) Concentration Electives (2) History (2 courses) Physical Science with Lab	Math Competencies Problem Solving Techniques
12		Statistics and/or Pre-Calculus Social Science Elective Philosophy Concentration Electives (2) Lab Science	Structured Study Hall & Tutoring