

# Oxford Area School District

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## Kids First, Progress and Unity

Greetings,

It is with great excitement that I let you know of the many partnerships between Oxford Area School District and four-year colleges. OASD is recognized for the innovative opportunities we offer our students to start college while in high school. Over the past four years we have hosted an "Early College Academy" with Cecil College. This past January, OASD entered into an agreement with Thaddeus Stevens Technical College for an "Early Admissions Program". Starting the fall 2018 OASD will launch a new Early College Academy with Harrisburg Area Community College in Lancaster. Each program provides the opportunity to jump-start college while in high school.

The demand for these programs is great and the Early College Academy (ECA) with HACC at Lancaster expands capacity so all eligible students can benefit from this academic pathway. If you think this may be a consideration for your child, here are a few ECA highlights.

### Academic Highlights

- Students complete 60 college credits while in high school and receive an Associate's Degree at the same time as they graduate from high school.
- 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.
- Coursework in the general studies major is progressively more rigorous and designed to be academically appropriate for each grade level.

### 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.
- Students are able to participate in co-curricular activities while in high school (sports, band, choir, theater).

### Location & Transportation

- Students complete college courses onsite at the high school during their freshman and sophomore years.
- Students complete college courses on the college campus during their junior and senior years.
- OASD provides transportation to and from each college. (All coursework completed during the regular school day).

### Cost & Payment

- Over four years the total cost of tuition is discounted. (Some course fees and books will also be charged).
- Eligible students may be able to secure scholarships in addition to tuition discounts.
- Payment is made in eight installments over the four years students are enrolled in high school.

### Admission & Application

- Students must have earned a 3.0 GPA by the completion of eighth grade.
- Students must have completed Algebra I by the completion of eighth grade.
- The application deadline is June 15, 2018. Application packets are available in the guidance office.



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#### College Highlights

##### **Cecil College**

- Program in existence 4 years
- 20 minute drive from high school (OASD provides transportation to and from college)
- Approximately \$11,500 over four years
- 60 credits, general studies degree
- 45-60 credits transferrable to most colleges

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