



KCPS Early College Academy  
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**Attention: All 10<sup>th</sup> Graders - Go to College for FREE!!!**  
**Penn Valley - Early College Academy 2023-2024 Application Process**

KCPS Early College Academy is a program dedicated to highly motivated students who earn high school credits and college credits towards a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree. The Early College Academy (ECA) is a partnership between Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) and Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley (MCC).

**10<sup>th</sup> GRADER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- Current 10<sup>th</sup> grader (Attend KCPS, charter, private or home-schooled)
- Live within the Kansas City Public Schools District boundaries
- High School Transcript with a 3.25 cumulative GPA in 10<sup>th</sup> grade (Completed Fall Semester)

Eligibility Requirements	Final Submission Process
<p><b>STEP 1:</b> Apply for admission to MCC- Penn Valley as a high school student (FREE) at <a href="http://mccckc.edu/apply">mccckc.edu/apply</a> for an Associate of Arts Degree plan.</p> <p><b>STEP 2:</b> Take the <b>Next-Gen. Accuplacer Test</b> (FREE) in Reading, Writing, and Math at MCC Testing Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must score in Reading, 248 or higher (<i>Recommended or Not Required</i>)</li> <li>- Must score in Writing, 242-245 &amp; No Reading Required <b>or</b> 246 or higher (<i>Eng. 101</i>)</li> <li>- Must score in QAS, 241 or higher <b>and</b>/AFF 237 or higher (<i>Math 95 or higher</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>an ACT score of 21 or higher in each content area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Testing Centers:</u></b>  <b>Call 816.604.1000 to schedule an appointment</b>  <b>MCC - Penn Valley Testing Center</b>  <b>3201 SW Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64111</b></p> <p><b>STEP 3:</b> Complete ECA Interest Application at: <a href="https://forms.gle/Q4mQnMHnWbPkh5Vu5">https://forms.gle/Q4mQnMHnWbPkh5Vu5</a>  <i>(Current KCPS Students skip to Step 5)</i></p>	<p><b>STEP 4: (NEW STUDENTS ONLY)</b> Enroll in the KCPS district through the KCPS Online Application –Enrollment starts on <u>January 17, 2023</u>, at <a href="http://kcpublicschools.org">kcpublicschools.org</a>.</p> <p><b>STEP 5: Submit the following documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a current teacher or counselor <b>AND</b> a school administrator or someone of your choice that can speak to your preparation and motivation to succeed in a college environment. (<i>The letter of recommendation cannot be written by family members, friends, classmates, or teammates.</i>)</li> <li>- Current Official High School Transcript</li> <li>- Most Recent Accuplacer test scores</li> <li>- Submit two essays (minimum of 500 words)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>How will earning a college degree enable you to reach your personal and career goals?</i></li> <li>2) <i>Why should you be selected to attend the Early College Academy?</i></li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deliver ECA Application documents in person to</b>  <b>Early College Academy Office</b>  <b>OR</b>  <b>email the documents to <a href="mailto:kmcgee1@kcpublicschools.org">kmcgee1@kcpublicschools.org</a></b>  <b>AND <a href="mailto:lcalhoun2@kcpublicschools.org">lcalhoun2@kcpublicschools.org</a>.</b>  <b>(All attached documents must be submitted in no more than 2 emails.)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The ECA Application accepted</u></b>  <b><u>January 17, 2023 to April 7, 2023!</u></b></p>

**Free Study Resources (New Generation Accuplacer):**  
<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/next-generation>