







The Early College Academy (ECA) is an APS magnet and sister high school of the Career Enrichment Center that focuses on college preparation. Classes are offered to 200 students in a small school environment. ECA classes are scheduled in the morning so that students may take a full load of CEC, UNM, CNM or IAIA classes in the afternoon. UNM and CNM classes may apply toward an associate or university degree. ECA's small-school environment offers students a personalized and rigorous college-readiness learning experience. We believe in an academic focus, paralleling a college-level curriculum, and we encourage our students to start their post-secondary work while still in high school.

## Is the Early College Academy right for you?

- ✓ An interest in a challenging curriculum
- ✓ A history of successful completion of Language Arts and Math classes
- ✓ A willingness to complete 2-3 hours of nightly study/homework
- ✓ A preference for small class sizes
- ✓ An interest in career exploration (internships, apprenticeships or vocational courses)
- ✓ Bell to bell instruction
- ✓ Classes that meet every day (no block schedule)
- ✓ The drive to complete college coursework while still in high school
- ✓ An interest in the individualization of a smaller school environment
- ✓ A need for personalized college admissions support
- ✓ Transportation by bus provided by APS multiple times a day
- ✓ Can be involved in sports/ROTC/etc. at your neighborhood high school

## What are my next steps?

-  50 students are accepted at each grade level (spaces fill up quickly)
-  Apply early - completed applications received before the early February deadline will be eligible for the lottery later that month.
-  Potential students and families will participate in an interview with school staff. There is a deadline to accept the offer of enrollment at ECA.
-  If you have any questions please contact Principal Pat Argüelles at (505) 252-0225, or Assistant Principal Diane Thomas at (505) 362-3780.



Complete an application online.



## Learn more about ECA & CEC

**Early College Academy Spotlight** - one of the few early college high schools in the state of New Mexico and the ONLY National Blue Ribbon school.

**Career Enrichment Center** - our sister school that shares the same campus. Students have the opportunity to take dual credit elective courses in a wide range of subject areas. To see what courses we offer, take a look at our school catalog.

Spend some time looking through our school website to get a feel of what it is like to become an ECA and CEC Element!

Our motto ...

*Every student. every day. career ready. college bound!*