

Student Eligibility

This half day program is for incoming juniors and seniors who meet program qualifications.

Can students play sports?

YES, students are still eligible for MSHSAA athletics and activities. We advise students enroll in the morning session to avoid conflicts with practice or needing to leave early to participate in an activity.

How does ECA work with NCAPS and NCC?

We currently have students enrolled in both programs. Since these are all half-day programs it hasn't been a problem. It is important to be cognizant of any high school graduation requirements as the schedule is being built.

How long am I in the program?

ECA is a yearlong commitment unless there are extenuating circumstances, and the student/parent decides after first semester that something isn't working. Students are not allowed to join the program at semester.

How can I earn my Associates degree?

By starting the ECA program as a junior and taking classes the summer between junior and senior year, potential of earning the AA degree is greatly increased. Students who have AP scores or other dual credit classes are expected to have those scores and transcripts sent to MCC Student Data Center to ensure they aren't repeating any credits they've already earned.

Can I be fully enrolled at MCC and not at my high school?

This is a possibility for a senior student and would require a discussion with your parent, high school counselor, principal, and Ms. Gilliland.

Am I still eligible for A+ if I participate in this program?

Yes, if you've met all your other A+ requirements and haven't earned your Associates degree at the completion of the program.

How does IB and AP Capstone work with the ECA?

We suggest you speak with the counselor at your high school to discuss the program requirements for those diploma options.

How does the schedule work?

Students are enrolled half day at MCC and half day at the high school. Morning session is typically 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. and afternoon 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Transportation, if needed is provided only for the morning session.

Am I required to reapply to the ECA program each semester?

No need to re-apply but you are required to maintain good academic standing in your high school and college classes to remain in the program.

Do classes at MCC count at the high school?

Absolutely, if you take college classes at MCC whether you are in ECA or not, you can send your official college transcript to your high school registrar and these classes will be entered into PowerSchool and be plugged into the appropriate credit as it applies to your diploma option. If you are in the ECA, Ms. Gilliland will enter your official grades into PowerSchool.

How do the MCC classes affect student GPA?

All MCC classes, except Coll 100, have added value (are weighted). MCC classes will be entered on the high school transcript.

How does a failed class at MCC affect high school graduation/credits?

If a student is enrolled in an MCC class required for high school graduation and does not earn credit, this would affect graduation. We would work with the high school counselor to determine how to best make up this credit.

What accommodations are available for IEP/504 students?

Please visit the MCC Disability Support Services site to learn about possible services:

<https://mcckc.edu/disability-services/>

College Credit & High School Credit

How do college hours transfer back to the high school?

College class of 1 -3 hours equates to .5 high school credit.

College class of more than 3 hours equates to 1 high school credit.

How many hours can I take per semester?

According to the Missouri Department of Elementary Secondary Education a high school student should be enrolled in no more than 4 credits per semester.

How do I maintain my MSHSAA Eligibility?

A student must be enrolled and successfully earn 3.5 credits in order to participate in any MSHSAA sanctioned activity. A student schedule consists of 8 blocks (4 daily), which usually means each block is a .5 high school credit. There are exceptions – example: Study hall is not for credit.

Semester vs. Year Long Classes

All MCC classes are one semester in length. The same work that is expected at the college in a semester, is stretched into a yearlong class at the high school. This means the college classes are quite intense and you will have a lot of studying outside of actual class time.

ECA Interview

Generally, about 15-20 minutes consisting of questions related to postsecondary plans, college readiness, and what the student hopes to gain from participating in this program. Conducted over Teams or Zoom for ease of scheduling.

Required Hours

Must be enrolled in a minimum of 10 hours each semester, Coll 100 & Coll 101 accounts for the 1 hour each semester of enrollment.

January/February 2022

ECA Parent/Student Informational Zoom Session: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Questions/Information

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