

Student Eligibility

- **Who can participate?**
MCC Incoming juniors and seniors who meet program qualifications.
UMKC Incoming seniors who meet program qualifications.
 - **Can students play sports?**
Yes. Students remain eligible for MSHSAA athletics and activities.
Tip: Enroll in the **morning session** to avoid conflicts with practices or early dismissals.
 - **Can students participate in NCAPS or NCC too?**
Yes. These are also half-day programs, and schedules can be coordinated. Be sure to review high school graduation requirements when planning.
 - **How long is the program?**
ECA is a **yearlong commitment**. Students may withdraw after the first semester only under extenuating circumstances. New students cannot join midyear.
 - **Can I earn my Associate's degree?**
Starting as a **junior** and taking summer classes between junior and senior years increases the likelihood.
Send **AP scores and dual credit transcripts** to the MCC Student Data Center to avoid repeating credits.
 - **UMKC students** will not earn their Associates degree but make significant progress towards a college degree. Students are encouraged to send any college credits/AP scores to UMKC to avoid any repetitive credit.
 - **Can I be fully enrolled at MCC or UMKC instead of my high school?**
This is possible for **seniors**, but it requires discussion with your **parent, counselor, principal, and Ms. Gilliland**.
 - **Does this affect A+ eligibility?**
No. You remain eligible if you meet all A+ requirements and haven't yet earned an Associate's degree.
 - **How do IB and AP Capstone work with ECA?**
Speak with your high school counselor about how ECA fits within those diploma program.
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Program Schedule

- Students spend **half the day at MCC** and **half at their high school**.
 - **Morning session:** 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - **Afternoon session:** 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - **Transportation:** Provided **only for the morning session**.
- **UMKC** schedule is a bit more challenging due to the distance. It is advised that students only have a first or last block of high school classes. UMKC does not have any district transportation, but will be provided with a UMKC parking pass.
- **Do I need to reapply each semester?**
No, but you must maintain **good academic standing** in both high school and college classes.

Credits & GPA

- **Do MCC & UMKC classes count for high school credit?**
Yes. Official grades are sent to Ms. Gilliland and will be entered at the end of each semester into PowerSchool.
- **How do MCC & UMKC classes affect GPA?**
All MCC classes (except **COLL 100**) are **weighted** and appear on your high school transcript.
- **What if I fail an MCC class or UMKC?**
If the class is required for graduation, it could **affect your ability to graduate**. The high school counselor will help determine how to make up the credit.
- **Students are required to pay tuition and the cost of a non-reusable resource** if they earn a grade of D or F, get dropped, or are dropped from a course.

Accommodations

- Students with IEPs or 504 plans can access college accommodations through **MCC Disability Support Services**
<https://mcckc.edu/disability-services/>
- Students with IEPs or 504 plans can access college accommodations through **UMKC Student Accessibility Services**
<https://www.umkc.edu/accessibility-services.html>

Credit Conversion

- **3 college credit hours = 0.5 high school credit**
- **4+ college credit hours = 1 high school credit**
- **Credit limits:**
High school students may take **up to 4 credits per semester** (per Missouri DESE).
- **MSHSAA eligibility:**
Students must **earn 3.5 credits per semester** to remain eligible for MSHSAA activities. Study hall **does not count** toward credit requirements.

Course Load & Structure

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- All MCC classes are **one semester long**.
 - College-level work is completed in one semester (not spread over a year).
 - Expect **intense coursework and substantial study time** outside of class.

ECA FAQ

- **Required enrollment:**
Students must take a **minimum of 10 college hours each semester.**
MCC COLL 100 and COLL 101 each year of enrollment in ECA. College 100 equates to 1 college credit hour first semester of program participation, then it is high school elective only.
- **UMKC students will be enrolled in COLL 102** – a class with Ms. Gilliland, high school elective credit only.

ECA Interview

- Duration: **10-15 minutes**
- Focus: Postsecondary goals, college readiness, and student expectations.
- Conducted via **Teams or Zoom** for convenience.

