



EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

Process for 2026-27 Student Applications, Lottery and Admission

APS opened the [Transfer Portal](#) for 2026-27 on Oct. 14th, 2025.

ECA will hold our Admissions Lottery LIVE on Google Meet on Mon. Dec. 1st, 2025

Incoming 9th Grade (Lottery)

- **Incoming 9th Grade Students:** Submit a Transfer Request through the APS Transfer Portal by Tues., Nov. 25th, 2025. You must have a working ParentVUE account to submit a request. Email ECA Registrar Amanda Cortez at amanda.cortez@aps.edu for help with ParentVUE.
- Once a request is submitted, students are entered into the lottery. No paperwork is required until *after* a student is selected (*see below*).
- ECA will host its lottery selection [LIVE on Google Meet](#) at 10:00 am on **Monday, Dec. 1st, 2025**. ECA has openings for 55 9th Grade students for 2026-27. Remaining selected applicants will be placed on a waitlist in order of selection.
- Families of selected students, including legacy admissions for ECA siblings, will receive email notification of their acceptance on **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 2025**. Please ensure that you provide a valid, monitored email address on your application to ensure that you receive email communications.
- **Required Documentation:** Incoming 9th grade students and families selected in the lottery, as well as legacy admissions students, *must accept a slot and provide required documentation via email to Registrar Amanda Cortez at amanda.cortez@aps.edu by Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 2025*.
 - Required Documentation (most of these are accessible via ParentVUE):
 - Unofficial transcript and most recent report card or progress report
 - IEP (Individualized Educational Plan, if student receives Special Education services)
 - 504 Plan, custody/legal or health condition documents, if applicable

10th-12th Grade Transfer Students

- Applicants must be on-track to graduate in order to be considered for admission to ECA.
- **10th–12th Grade Transfer Students:** Submit a Transfer Request through the APS Transfer Portal by Tues., Nov. 25th, 2025. You must have a working ParentVUE account to submit a request.
- Transfer requests will be chosen in a live Lottery drawing on Google Meet on **Monday, Dec. 1st, 2025 at 9:00am**. *Spots are extremely limited for 10th through 12th grade for the 2026-27 school year; families are encouraged to request a transfer asap. ECA caps all grade levels at 55 students per grade.*

- 10th-12th grade transfer students chosen in the Dec. 1st Lottery will receive email notification of an offer of acceptance on **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 2025**. Students and families *must accept a slot and provide required documentation via email to Registrar Amanda Cortez at amanda.cortez@aps.edu* by **Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 2025**.
- After Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 10th through 12th transfer students will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until all slots are filled.
- Families of transfer students must submit all required paperwork to be considered for admission.
 - Required Documentation:
 - Unofficial transcript and most recent report card or progress report
 - IEP (Individualized Educational Plan, *if student receives Special Education services*)
 - 504 Plan, custody/legal or health condition documents, *if applicable*

Legacy Admissions

- *Siblings of current or former ECA students* who request a transfer spot by **Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 2025** are automatically offered a spot at ECA *based on current availability*, and do not go through the lottery process. Submit a Transfer Request through the APS Transfer Portal by Tues., Nov. 25th, 2025. You must have a working ParentVUE account to submit a request.
- Sibling requests received after Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 2025 will be considered on a first-come, first-accepted basis *dependent on grade-level availability*.
- A legacy applicant must still submit required paperwork, follow all acceptance and paperwork deadlines, and complete an individual orientation, math assessment and Jump Start.

Acceptance and Waitlist

Families of incoming 9th grade students selected in the ECA Lottery, legacy admissions students, and 10th-12th transfer students who are offered a spot at ECA, will have two weeks to reply *in writing via email* to accept the offer of enrollment at ECA and submit all required paperwork to the school registrar, Amanda Cortez, in person or scanned through email and sent to amanda.cortez@aps.edu.

- If a family does not reply and/or submit required paperwork by Monday, Dec. 15th, 2025:
 - The student will be moved to the bottom of the waitlist
 - Families will receive notice of their waitlist status via email
 - A new student will be selected from the waitlist to take the available spot. Selected waitlist students will have two weeks from the date of email notification to accept a spot at ECA and submit required paperwork

Please ensure contact information, including email addresses, are correct on your application. ECA is not responsible for application errors or unread email offers of acceptance & documentation requests.

Once a student has received an offer of admission, the parent/guardian must complete ECA's required paperwork *and* accept the offer of admission through the APS Transfer Portal in ParentVUE.

Math Assessment Scheduling

- All students new to ECA **must** take a math placement test, regardless of math credits earned, to determine placement in ECA's advanced course sequence
- ECA will administer the in-person math assessment four times on campus in the spring:
 - Tuesday, Jan. 27th at 4:00 pm
 - Saturday, Feb. 21st at 10:00 am
 - Thursday, March 5th at 4:00 pm
 - Tuesday, March 10th at 4:00 pm

Shadow Day for Accepted/Waitlist Students

Students and families interested in attending ECA can reach out to schedule a Shadow Day. Interested students will be paired with a grade-level ECA student host for the day. ECA will provide a letter for the student's home school regarding the student's absence from classes that day.

- Families can reach out to Ms. Dianna Marquez at dianna.marquez@aps.edu or (505) 247-3658 ext. 45400 to schedule their Shadow Day
- Shadow Days are scheduled from 8:35 to 2:55 pm. ECA will provide lunch for the student.

Orientation and Final Requirements for Enrollment

Once a student has been accepted to ECA and submitted all required paperwork, our registrar will schedule an in-person orientation for the student(s) and their parent/guardian. All accepted students and families must:

- Submit all required paperwork by the stated deadline(s)
- Attend a scheduled New Student Orientation before April 30th, 2026
- Review, sign and agree to the ECA Academic Contract
- Complete the math assessment for placement (see above)
- Attend New Student Jump Start Day (Student only) in early August (Date TBD)