STUDENT NAME: _____ _____ #_____

LAST **FIRST** **APSB Student Number**

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HHS: DHS DTHS EAHS PVHS SAHS
HS Credit ___ Algebra I
LEAP Scores : _____Eng _____ Math

Early College Option 2026-27 Application



The application deadline for the Early College Option Program is 04/24/26 at 2:00pm. Completed applications must be submitted to the Early College Office located at River Parishes Community College (RPCC) in person, by email, or through the middle school counselor. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list. Each applicant must include:

- **Most recent report card**
- **Attendance record**
- **Recent LEAP 2025 scores or other standardized test scores**

Incomplete applications will be returned for completion. Applicants will be notified of admissions status by email no later than 06/1/2026. For more information, please call 225-391-2150 or email us at **early.college@apsb.org**.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a resident of Ascension Parish
- Be a first time ninth grader in the **2026-27** school year
- Meet all promotion requirements from eighth grade to ninth grade, including LEAP 2025 and any other additional criteria determined by the student's middle school. .
- Submit a complete application packet

Important Notice: While enrolled in the Early College Option Program, students are expected to maintain satisfactory attendance, behavior, academic performance, and effort. Failure to do so including issues related to attendance, tardiness, discipline, lack of academic effort, inability to pass required college placement exams, or lack of parents/guardian cooperation may result in a recommendation for dismissal from the program and a return to the student's home-based school.

ENROLLMENT FORM (2026-2027)
Projected Graduation Date: May 2030

Home High School (please circle)	**Donaldsonville High Dutchtown High East Ascension High Prairieville High St. Amant High**		
Middle School:			
Student Name:		**Date of Birth:**	
Gender (please circle)	**Male**	**Female**	
Parent/Guardian Name(s) (List all that apply.)	**Mother:**	**Father:**	**Other:**
Current Physical Address:		**Current Mailing Address: (if different from physical)**	
Parent Email Address: (Please print legibly)			
Parent contact numbers (Please mark * the best number to SPEAK to someone.)	**Cell:**	**Work:**	**Other:**

Parent/Guardian Response Required: (Please answer the following questions.)

1. What do you expect from your student's experience at Early College Option?

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Student Response Required: Please answer the following questions in your own handwriting.

1. Why do you want to attend Early College Option?

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2. What do you want your high school experience to include? Describe the perfect high school for you to be successful.

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PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Early College Option is a unique academic program committed to student success. Student independence and self-determination can only be achieved when students, parents, and staff share a common set of values and expectations.

As a parent or guardian of an Early College Option student, I agree to support my student in the following ways:

1. Attendance: I will ensure my child attends school daily unless ill.
2. Encouragement: I will actively encourage my child to remain engaged in their rigorous academic progress.
3. Homework Time: I will provide time daily for homework without competing responsibilities.
4. Academic Monitoring: I will monitor both high school and college grades.
5. Employment Considerations: I understand outside employment may not be feasible during the school year.
6. Internet Access: I understand internet access is required for coursework.
7. College-level Materials: I acknowledge students will engage with college-level content and censoring will not be part of the curriculum..
8. Increased Workload: I recognize the increased rigor workload that is demanded by my child.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students enrolled in Early College Option are expected to demonstrate maturity, responsibility, and academic integrity.

As a student of Early College Option, I agree to the following:

1. Attendance: Arrive on time and maintain satisfactory attendance
2. Preparation: Complete assignments independently, on time and be prepared for all classes.
3. Academic: Engaged in a rigorous course progression throughout high school courses and college courses.
4. Behavior: Follow APSB and RPCC conduct policies.
5. Dress Code: Comply with dress code policies.
6. Information: Stay informed of program requirements for both RPCC and APSB.
7. Respect: Act respectfully toward all members of the school community.
8. Safety: Act safely in all school and community environments and follow all school policies.

I understand that enrollment in the Early College Option is for the full academic year. A student who is unsuccessful will remain in the program for the remainder of that school year and will return to their home-based school the following year.

Failure to demonstrate sufficient improvement or academic growth may result in the student losing placement in the Early College Option program. In such cases, the student's parent or guardian will be notified, and a mandatory conference will be scheduled.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the parent and student expectations outlined above.

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Student Name (Please Print) **Parent Name (Please Print)**

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Date **Parent Signature**

Transportation

The Ascension Parish School System provides transportation for Early College Option students utilizing transportation provided by the APSB through their normal bus routes. ECO students will report to their home high school bus stop in the morning. When arriving at home high school, will transition to another bus which will take them to RPCC. In the afternoon, a bus will take them from RPCC to home high school, and then will transition to a regular assigned bus to bring home. (Students also have the option of providing transportation of their own.)

Uncensored Curriculum

Early College Option is situated within a college environment. As such, parents and students should understand that participation in the Early College Option program involves exposure to, and engagement in, open exchanges of ideas, discussions, debates, and academic assignments that span a wide range of subject matter. These topics may include, but are not limited to, religion, politics, and human sexuality.

The ideas and perspectives presented in both high school and college courses may differ from those students and families have previously encountered and may, at times, conflict with personal or family beliefs. Open dialogue and the free exchange of ideas are fundamental components of both the high school and college classroom experiences, as well as the broader college environment.

While every effort is made to promote civility, mutual respect, courtesy, and tolerance for diverse viewpoints, students should expect that their values and beliefs may be challenged during their enrollment in the program. By choosing to participate in the Early College Option, students and parents acknowledge, accept, and understand that the school cannot and will not censor ideas or opinions expressed as part of the educational experience at either the high school or college level.

Resource and Internet Access

Access to information resources at River Parish Community College, including the Library and Internet services, is not filtered or blocked in the same manner as at Ascension Parish high schools. Early College Option students are expected to utilize these resources to meet course requirements and, as a result, may encounter materials that would otherwise be screened, censored, or filtered in a traditional Ascension Parish high school setting.

Photography and Videotaping

At Early College Option, students may be photographed or videotaped in a variety of settings. Such images or recordings may be used for the following purposes:

- Publicity through local newspapers and other media outlets
- Promotional and information materials produced by the Ascension Parish School System and River Parishes Community College
- Presentations showcasing Ascension Parish School System programs to other public organizations
- Documentation of River Parishes Community College programs and activities

These photographs or recordings may be used in print, digital, or other media formats.

Monitoring and Supervision

Personal Maturity and Responsibility

Early College Option is a unique program located on the River Parishes Community College campus, where students enroll in both high school and college courses. Students are accepted with the expectation that they will approach their coursework, learning, and preparation for college and the workforce with maturity, commitment, and purpose.

As a result, Early College Option students are held to a higher standard of personal responsibility for their actions, safety, and decision-making than is typical in a traditional high school setting. Parents are expected to support and reinforce these expectations, which are critical in the areas outlined below.

Campus Movement and Student Responsibility (Specific to 11th/12th Graders)

Early College Option operates on a college campus where 11th and 12th grade students regularly move between buildings and facilities. Students are expected to travel independently between classrooms and designated campus locations as needed. During extended schedule breaks, mealtimes, or canceled classes, students may move about campus independently. Designated areas will be provided for students when they are not assigned to a class or activity, and staff will provide reasonable supervision within the limits of available personnel and time.

Due to individualized student schedules and varying class locations, continuous supervision of all students is not possible. As a result, the school district and its employees are not responsible for student location or safety when students are not in a scheduled class or school-sponsored activity, or when students choose to leave campus outside of designated dismissal times.

Students who drive themselves or ride with others approved by their parents are considered to have parental permission to come and go independently.

As a parent of an Early College Option student, I understand that my student is learning in a unique academic environment. I acknowledge that the APSB and RPCC education systems are **not responsible for my student's whereabouts or safety** when my student is not in a scheduled class or school activity, or when my student chooses to leave campus at a time other than the designated dismissal time.

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Student Name (Please Print) **Student Signature**

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Parent Signature **Date**