



Early College Academy & Career Enrichment Center

Family News

January 30, 2025



ECA-CEC BOOSTER CLUB

Please join us for our **ECA-CEC Booster Club meeting on Monday, February 2nd** on Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/rif-sybb-ibi>.

Check out the [Booster Club Web Page](#) – see what we do and find out how to be a part! [Please use this link](#) to share your name and email with our Booster team so we can keep you in the loop.

ECA COURSE REQUESTS

Families, ECA has completed our Course Request process for the 2026-27 school year. All ECA 9th through 11th grade students participated in multiple extended Advisory sessions during the month of January to complete their Graduation Progress Document, review ECA and CEC Catalogs, talk with their Advisor, our counselor Ms. Faulds, and Assistant Principal Ms. Thomas, and to complete their Course Request Form for 2026-27.

What's Next?

Ms. Faulds will review every student's current transcript before reviewing their 26-27 course requests, to ensure your student is on track to graduate from ECA ready to pursue their future goals. Once those course requests are reviewed, Ms. Faulds will work with any students who may need to make adjustments to their requests. Ms. Thomas will then review all student course requests and begin building schedules for the 26-27 school year. If this sounds like an intense process---IT IS! We make sure every ECA student's schedule receives individual attention and support, and will include families in this process as often as necessary.

When will my student know what courses they have?

Unless we reach out to a student and their family with questions or concerns, it's safe to assume that students will be assigned the courses they have requested for the 2026-27 school year. The course request and scheduling process will take us through late March, but student schedules for 2026-27 won't be visible in ParentVUE or StudentVUE until late July/early August. Viewability settings are controlled by APS's Student Information Services, and we don't control when that happens.

What if I have questions about my student's schedule?

We'll be building student schedules in late February/early March, so late March is a good time to reach out if you have specific questions about class periods or individual classes. Our tiny-but-mighty team won't have specific schedule information available until then. A great way to learn more about your student's choices is to ask them to show you their Graduation Progress Document on their Chromebook--it contains detailed information about their earned credits and future plans!

COMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 2 **ECA-CEC Booster Club Meeting** (5:30 PM; virtual – see link at left)
- Feb. 5 **CEC Recruiting Open House** (5:30-7:00 PM)
- Feb. 12 **ECA & CEC Academic Awards Night** (5:30 PM @ UNM Continuing Education Center)
- Feb. 13 **End of 3rd quarter grading period**
- Feb. 16 **President's Day – NO SCHOOL**
- Feb. 17 **Junior Night** (6:15-7:15 PM) Online meeting.
- Feb. 26 **ECA Talent Show**
- Mar. 2 **ECA-CEC Booster Club meeting** (5:30 PM; virtual – see link at left)
- Mar. 18 **SAT Testing**
- Mar. 19 **CEC 50 ECA 20 Anniversary Block Party**
- Apr. 11 **ECA-CEC Prom**

CEC OPEN HOUSE • February 5th

Join us for our CEC Open House on
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Meet CEC teachers, visit classrooms and ask questions!
Learn about CEC's outstanding programs and register for classes!
Tour our facilities and enjoy some beverages and snacks!

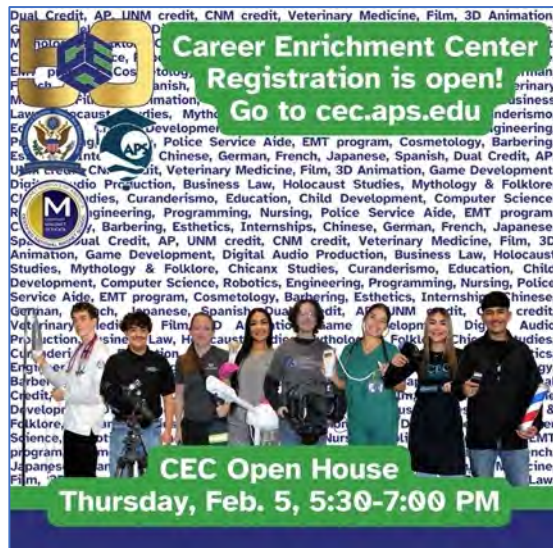
CEC COURSE REQUESTS OPEN FOR SY 2026-27!

CEC Course Requests for 2026-27 are open to ALL high school students now. Register here:

<https://cec.aps.edu/cec/cec-online-registration>

Check out our online CEC Catalog here:

<https://cec.aps.edu/cec/cec-course-catalog>



ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT • February 12th

Academic Awards Night is Thursday, February 12th 5:30 PM at the UNM Continuing Education Center. Invitations for Academic Awards Night will be going out soon!
CEC and ECA students are eligible, so be on the lookout.

ECA TALENT SHOW • February 26th

ECA Talent Show is at 8:00 pm on February 26th at ECA.
Presented by the ECA Performing Arts Club and Student Government.
Students can sign up through their Google Classroom.



CEC 50 ECA 20 ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY • March 19th

Did you attend ECA or CEC? Please fill out the [Alumni Contact Information Form](#) to tell us your story, and get connected with fellow alumni and your favorite teachers, receive invites to events, and keep up-to-date with all the cool things happening at ECA and CEC.

Our big celebration will be on March 19th, 2026 for the "CEC 50 ECA 20 Anniversary Block Party".

Help spread the word! Don't forget to use #CEC50 and #ECA20 as well as @aps_eca and @aps_cec on social media to tell your stories!

Want to make a donation to help the celebration?

You may donate on the CEC/ECA Anniversary Fund [Donation Schoolpay form](#), or contact Mr. Allen (francis.allen@aps.edu) or Principal Arguelles (505-252-0225) if you wish to arrange for a larger donation. Thank you!

Thank you to these sponsors for helping us celebrate our 50/20 Anniversaries!



PROM • April 11th

Prom has been moved to Saturday, April 11th at the Sheraton Uptown. Prom is open to CEC students and is also open to grades 9-12. Follow our Instagram @aps_eca and @aps_cec for the reveal of our mysterious theme... Other events have shifted as well:

- Prom court applications will open to ECA upperclassmen on March 9th.
- Prom ticket sales will open to seniors on March 16th.
- Prom spirit week will now be April 6-10.
- Prom assembly for ECA will now be April 10th.
- ECA Senior parent breakfast will now be April 18th.

HAPPENINGS AT ECA/CEC:

Freshmen Collaborate to Reach New Heights!

Ms. Kuhnee's FYEX 1110* students collaborated to build towers made of spaghetti. They then reflected on group dynamics and the most effective ways to be part of a team.

**First Year Experience (FYEX) is a CNM dual credit class required of all freshmen.*



Japanese Language Students Illustrate the Lunar New Year!

Students in Ms. Wakisaka's CEC Japanese I/II class created illustrations for The Year of the Horse using Kanji and hiragana.




Follow our accounts on social media!

Youtube:

Career Enrichment Center
> youtube.com/@aps_cec

Early College Academy
> youtube.com/@aps_eca

ECA Esports
> youtube.com/@eca_esports




Instagram:

Career Enrichment Center
> instagram.com/aps_cec

Early College Academy
> instagram.com/aps_eca

ECA Student Government
> instagram.com/eca_stugov/

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

➔ Summer School 2026:

For all ECA families, if your student has failed a semester of a non-elective course at ECA or CEC, I will be contacting you for summer school registration. I review all ECA student transcripts for failed courses and then contact students and parents accordingly. Please refer to the attachment for session times and locations for summer school 2026.

▶ For Seniors and Families ◀

▶ The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

It's not too late to complete your FAFSA for the 2026-27 College school year! See past newsletters and the Class of 2026 announcements if you need assistance. If you still have questions, reach out to me!

▶ It's scholarship season!

Spring is when you will find the majority of scholarships posted with spring deadlines. Please remember to check the Class of 2026 Google Classroom daily! I have posted at least 20 local scholarships just this January! Check past newsletters as well. There is a TON of money in scholarships out there that may not be as hard to get as you think. Local scholarships mean less competition, so why not let the winner be YOU! You can't win a scholarship if you don't apply for any.

★ For Juniors and Families ★

★ Junior Night

Mark your calendars! Junior Night Virtual event is coming up for all ECA Juniors and their parents on Tuesday, February 17, 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM. Topics include:

- Graduation Requirements
- College Admissions
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/smn-mrfc-ggq>

Or dial: (US) +1 413-623-4053 PIN: 369 362 523#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/smn-mrfc-ggq?pin=7074222505653>

◆ For ALL Grade Levels and Families ◆

◆ Dual Credit

One of the topics that I get asked to meet about the most is dual credit. Students and families want more details of the risks and benefits, what to sign up for and how. I presented the following slide show to all freshmen and sophomores at ECA and the presentation can be found in your students' grade level google classrooms. Please look through the slides for valuable information on dual credit with CNM, UNM and IAIA.



NEED TO KNOW

- **ECA Graduation Requirement: 6 dual credit and/or AP Courses**
- Does affect both high school and college GPA
- 3 college credits = 1 high school credit (a 4 college credit class would = 1.33 high school credit)
- Only counts for electives (except math and NM History)
- FREE, FREE, FREE (books too)
- Drop deadlines important to know
- A "W" does not affect GPA but does count toward attempted credits
- Can affect Lottery and Financial Aid at New Mexico colleges
- CNM will give a "D" grade, does not count toward a degree (gives high school credit), should retake course
- Watch out for 2 or 3 week-long intersession courses!!! A BIG NO
- Summer, Fall or Spring Term
- Online or In person...depends on what's offered when you want to take a course

ALL DUAL CREDIT CLASSES:

- Must Meet Eligibility requirements (Age, grade level etc.)
- Complete the College Application as a DUAL CREDIT student
- Demonstrate your readiness with your transcript or a placement test
- Complete a Dual Credit Agreement form with your parent's signature
- Register for a class
- Pay attention to the parent agreement form, deadlines, attendance policy and grades- you will be treated like an adult. Your parents do not have access to your grades!
- Keep track of your ID # and your college email. ONLY use your college email for correspondence with the college
- Learn College Speak! "Course Registration Number (CRN)" and Course Names are all numbers! (MATH 1220, ENGL 1110)

CNM AND UNM

Eligibility requirements are very different:

- CNM, just be a high school student
- UNM, many restrictions (<https://advisement.unm.edu/dual-credit/index.html>)

- CNM Start as early as 9th grade, UNM summer after 10th
- CNM and UNM application process, rules and deadlines are VERY different
- Failed course-CNM can retake twice, UNM is “one and done” with “F” or “W”
- If you have not taken a course at CNM for over a year (Fall, Spring and Summer term) then you must “reapply” complete the application again
- Books from CNM/UNM bookstore or Ebook

*****IAIA Dual Credit is only for Business Law through CEC**

DEMONSTRATE YOUR READINESS

- How to demonstrate your readiness: UNM uses your transcript, CNM uses the DSP and ALEKS, both Colleges will consider your SAT (or ACT) scores. (<https://www.cnm.edu/depts/assessment-center/placement>)
 - CNM: DSP for Reading Score and ALEKS for Math score
 - To take CNM classes with no math requirement, use the DSP
 - You want ENGL 1110
 - I took the CNM ALEKS, how did I do?
 - Check the Exam Placement Guide (<https://www.cnm.edu/depts/assessment-center/placement/home>)
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ECA AND CEC DUAL CREDIT RESOURCES

- **ECA Dual Credit Information and Policy** (<https://cec.aps.edu/our-school/counseling/dual-credit>)
 - Yes, we have a policy 😊
 - How many classes can I take?
 - How do I get my books?
 - How do I choose a class?
 - How do I register for a course?
 - **CEC Dual Credit Information** (<https://cec.aps.edu/cec/cec-course-catalog/cec-dual-credit>)
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WHAT DUAL CREDIT CLASS TO TAKE, SO MANY CHOICES

- At any college, you can find what is offered in a “term” in their Schedule of Classes
 - General Rule: must be “1000” level courses, no MATH 980
 - Cannot take upper division without permissions, you need to start with entry level courses
 - Many dual credit courses have prerequisite courses that you have to take first
 - UNM choices are restricted to an [approved list](#) and you can only take ONE class to start
 - [UNM Schedule of Classes](#)
 - [UNM General Education Course Requirements](#), will LIKELY apply towards a college degree program
 - Remember even “Biology” or “Composition 1” is still a high school elective.
 - CNM, any entry level course except Dance, Yoga, Music Appreciation. Your choices must reflect career exploration and courses that will apply towards a degree program. CNM has no restrictions on the number of courses, but ECA does! Please communicate with Ms. Alicia as you are registering for CNM classes.
 - [CNM Schedule of Classes](#)
 - [CNM Programs of Study](#)
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WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO BECOME A DUAL CREDIT STUDENT?

These links will take you to the breakdown of the steps that each college requires you to complete to apply to college and eventually register for a dual credit class:

CNM: <https://www.cnm.edu/depts/student-recruitment-and-outreach/dual-credit/dual-credit-steps>

UNM: <https://advisement.unm.edu/dual-credit/admissions-process.html>

IAIA: <https://iaia.edu/admissions/dual-credit-program/>



thursday,
february 5th

openhouse spring 2026

The Staff and Administration of Early College Academy and Career Enrichment Center invite **YOU** to join us as we open our doors to **ALL** parents and guardians of potential CEC students. Meet CEC teachers, visit classrooms and ask questions! Learn about CEC's outstanding programs & register for classes!

Tour our facilities and enjoy some beverages and snacks!



OPEN HOUSE 5:30p-7:00p

Parents, students and staff are invited to enjoy light refreshments and visit classrooms. We will have a Program Overview in our Lecture Hall from 5:30p-5:45p and then start with classrooms visits.

CEC/ECA 807 Mountain Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87102



ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2026

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY

Registration begins April 6th

Term 1:

June 8 - June 29

AM Session: 9:00 am to 11:30 am

PM Session: 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Term 2:

July 6 - July 24

AM Session: 9:00 am to 11:30 am

PM Session: 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Sites:

Atrisco Heritage Academy High School

Del Norte High School

Manzano High School

eCademy High School (Online only)

Visit your counselor for more information and to register for summer classes!



Scan the QR code for tuition deadlines and additional summer school information



Fee:
\$250 per .5 Credit
Income Eligibility
\$62.50 per .5 credit for Direct Certified Students (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I0Lc3ICJPsKxCw2tzhhZiKP4CbrmCrKG/view?usp=sharing>)
2 Credits Maximum

job opportunities
for ages 15-25

educational & informational
opportunities for ages 14-25
& parents

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 7
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
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