EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

Process for 2027-28 Student Applications, Lottery and Admission

APS Transfer Portal will open for 2027-28 on Oct. 26th, 2026.

ECA will hold our Admissions Lottery LIVE on Google Meet on Tue. Dec. 1st, 2026

Incoming 9th Grade (Lottery)

- Submit a Transfer Request through the APS Transfer Portal by **Mon., Nov. 30th, 2026**. 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 5:00pm on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, 2026**. (The Google Meet link will be posted on our website at cec.aps.edu/eca/transfer-to-eca.) ECA has openings for 55 9th-grade students for 2027-28.
- Remaining applicants will be placed on a waitlist in order of selection during the Dec. 1st lottery. Applicants applying ***after*** Nov. 30th will be placed on the waitlist by date of submission.
- Families of selected students, including legacy admissions for ECA siblings, will receive email notification of their acceptance on **Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 2026**. Please ensure that you provide a valid, monitored email address on your application to ensure that you receive email communications.
- Incoming 9th grade students selected in the lottery, as well as legacy admissions students, must accept their spot in two ways: *Click accept in your ParentVUE account and email Registrar Amanda Cortez at amanda.cortez@aps.edu by* ***Friday, Dec. 18th, 2026.*** **Anyone who does not accept will be rejected in the system automatically.**

10th-12th Grade Transfer Students

- Applicants must submit a Transfer Request through the APS Transfer Portal by **Mon., Nov. 30th, 2026** for early consideration.
- To be considered for admission to ECA, students must be on track to graduate and submit the following documentation by December 1 to Registrar Amanda Cortez at amanda.cortez@aps.edu:
  - Transcripts and first-quarter grades
  - Individualized Education Program (IEP), if applicable
  - Section 504 Plan, if applicable
- Notifications will be sent out **Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 2026**.
- All transfers 10th-12th are considered based on space availability and transcript review.

Legacy Admissions

- Siblings of current or former ECA students who submit through the APS Transfer Portal by **Monday, Nov. 30th, 2026** are automatically offered a spot at ECA *based on current availability.*
- Requests for legacy admissions, received ***after*** Monday, Nov. 30th, 2026, will be placed on a wait list, in order of received.
- A legacy applicant must still submit required paperwork, follow all acceptance and paperwork deadlines, and complete an individual orientation, math assessment, and Jump Start once accepted.

Shadow Days

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. 45597 to schedule their Shadow Day.
- Shadow Days are scheduled from 8:35 to 2:55 pm. ECA will provide lunch for the student.

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 and documentation requests.