NEW KENT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Intent to Apply to the NKCPS Early College Academy (ECA):
A pathway to the certificate or associate degree

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

New Kent High School offers an associate degree pathway, which requires careful planning of a student's high school course schedule to satisfy the requirement of 60 Dual Enrollment/college credits, and an ECA certificate offering, which requires 31 DE/college credits. NKHS is proud to support students through obtaining either the ECA certificate or the associate degree. We work collaboratively with Rappahannock Community College, and course offerings vary based on availability.

Mr. Anderson, our RCC High School Navigator, partners with families to assess the status of students pursuing the associate degree to ensure that all additional college credits outside of NKHS course offerings are fulfilled. Please note that full RCC tuition rates apply to these additional courses.

The ECA certificate program is tailored to each student and typically achieved by taking college-level courses offered at NKHS (DE and/or Advanced Placement), which allows for more course flexibility. Course availability varies from year to year, but NKHS always tries to maximize AP and DE offerings to reduce the burden on families.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit this intent form to NKHS school counseling by the final school day in December before winter break by 3 p.m. Students and families will receive a status email for the upcoming year by February 6th. Questions about the program should be directed to Ms. Pam Nixon (pnixon@nkcps.k12.va.us), School Counseling Lead, or Mr. Aaron Anderson (aanderson1@nkcps.k12.va.us), High School Navigator.

ECA TIMELINE

November: Elevate Your Options Night (covers ECA as well as governor's schools opportunities)
December: Intent forms and applications due the final school day before winter break by 3 p.m.
Jan./Feb.: Applications are reviewed; admission emails sent by February 6th.

ECA QUALIFICATIONS

- Current sophomore
- On track for an Advanced Diploma
- Not chronically absent from school
- ≥ 3.5 cumulative unweighted GPA
- Planning to take AP World History II
- On course to take DE math

INTENT TO APPLY

Scan the QR code or visit https://forms.gle/sjZavagxyMqq4b3r8 to submit the digital Intent to Apply form.