NEW KENT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Application to the NKCPS Early College Academy (ECA):

A pathway to the certificate or associate degree

***This application is to be submitted in addition to the "Intent Google Form" for Early College Academy (ECA). To be considered, 10th graders must submit this application by the final school day in December, prior to winter break.**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

New Kent High School is proud to support students through obtaining the ECA certificate, and we also strive to provide support and guidance to those students wishing to take the additional step and pursue an associate degree. We work collaboratively with Rappahannock Community College (RCC). Please be aware that courses at New Kent High School and RCC are subject to change based on availability, which can vary year to year. NKHS is continually seeking ways to maximize all AP and Dual Enrollment offerings to reduce the burden on families. Each student will follow a particular pathway based on prerequisites met and success on satisfying the established, specific requirements throughout the program.

Associate's Degree

NKHS strives to offer the associate degree pathway, which requires careful planning of a student's high school course schedule to satisfy the 60 dual enrollment credits.

Uniform Certificate of General Studies (UCGS)

The certificate offering is roughly half of the associate degree credits. The certificate level (31 credits) is tailored to each student individually and is achieved through overlapping with NKHS course offerings. The certificate also allows for more course flexibility.

Mr. Anderson, the RCC High School Navigator, partners alongside families to assess the student's status in fulfilling the remaining requirements outside of NKHS class time for students that choose to pursue the associate degree. It is important to note that the full RCC tuition rates apply to these courses, which become an additional cost to families when registering to fulfill the requirements to satisfy the associate degree through Rappahannock Community College.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit this completed application to Mrs. Nixon(counseling office) by the final school day in December, prior to winter break by 3 PM. Students and families will receive communication via email regarding status for the upcoming school year by February 6. If there are questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Pam Nixon, School Counseling Lead, at pnixon@nkcps.k.k12.va.us or Mr. Aaron Anderson, RCC High School Navigator, at aanderson1@nkcps.k12.va.us to answer any follow-up questions you may have.

ECA Timeline

November: Elevate Your Options Night (An opportunity to learn more about ECA as well as other program opportunities.)
December: Intent Forms and Applications due to Mrs. Nixon by the final school day in December, before winter break, by 3:00 pm
January/February: Applications will be reviewed and admission decisions rendered via email by February 6
March: Required Summer Cohort Info Night (Media Ctr.-In Person) Attend the mandatory spring meeting for ECA students about the two summer classes and additional details

APPLICATION

PART 1:

NOTE: Please indicate the <u>desired</u> program preference.

□ **Associate Degree** □ **Certificate Program**

Do I Qualify for Early College Participation in 10th Grade?

- ☐ Must be a current 10th grader to apply
- ☐ Must be on track with verified credits and course requirements for an Advanced Diploma
- ☐ Must have good attendance and not be considered chronically absent from school
- ☐ Applicants must have a 3.5 cumulative weighted GPA (or better)
- ☐ Sophomores are highly encouraged to take Pre AP World History II
- ☐ Students will be on course in math to take Dual Enrollment math at NKHS

Student Information:

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First Name Last Name MI

Student ID Number:

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Parent Contact Information:

_____ _____

First Name Last Name

Email: _____ Best Contact Number: _____

PART 2: PERSONAL STATEMENT

In addition to part one of the application, students may submit a written response to the following question. Students may share a Google Doc with Mrs. Nixon or print off and attach the response to the completed application. The brief personal statement response will not be evaluated for admission purposes and will be considered for information purposes only.

PROMPT:

- Early College Academy has many academic benefits, from preparation for college rigor to college cost savings. Share how you anticipate growing academically and personally through the program. Speak to any weaknesses that you hope participating in ECA will help you convert to strengths.

RECOMMENDED DE/AP COURSE PROGRESSION FOR STUDENTS PURSUING THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE:

Grade 10	RCC Summer	Grade 11 Fall	Grade 11 Spring	RCC Summer	Grade 12 Fall	Grade 12 Spring	RCC Summer (if applicable)
Completion of: Alg. II AP English 10 Seminar Pre-AP World History II Biology Honors	College Success Skills SDV 100 *1 Credit* Digital & Info Literacy ITE 152 *3 Credits*	DE English 11 ENG 111 ENG Comp I *3 Credits* Alternate Days AP US/VA History 6 *Credits* (Earn a 3 or better on the AP Exam) Alternate Days DE Pre-Calc I MTH 161 *3 Credits*	DE English 11 ENG 112 ENG Comp II *3 Credits* Alternate Days DE Pre-Calc II Math 162 *3 Credits* or DE Statistics MTH 245 *3 Credits*	RCC Summer Courses/ Transfer Electives: *3-6 Credits* (RCC's full tuition rate) Humanities *3 credits* (RCC's full tuition rate)	DE English 12 ENG 245 British Lit. *3 Credits* Alternate Days AP Gov. *3 Credits* (Earn a 3 or better on the AP Exam) Alternate Days DE Psych. PSY 200 *3 Credits* DE Bio Pt 1 BIO 101 *4 Credits* Attend daily DE Statistics MTH 245 *3 credits* or DE Calculus Math 263 *4 Credits*	DE English 12 ENG 255 World Lit. *3 Credits* Alternate Days DE Psych. PSY 230 *3 credits* DE Bio Pt 2 BIO 102 *4 Credits* Attend daily	Notes: *Due to AP Gov't, most students graduate from RCC in late summer.* *AP scores to verify credits for the associate are not available until July.* *Some students may also need extra classes at RCC's full tuition rate to earn the required credits.*

Notes:

This chart reflects a pathway example for completing AP and/or DE courses needed for the associate degree.

Placement of math, psychology and biology courses fall in 11th and/or 12th grade, depending on the student's overall schedule needs.

All courses are subject to change.