Early College Academy

Empowering Futures



A partnership between the Red Clay Consolidated School District and Goldey-Beacom College.

Earn College Credits While In High School at Alexis I. du Pont and Thomas McKean High Schools.

The Red Clay Consolidated School District and Goldey-Beacom College have established a dual-enrollment partnership that allows high school students to enroll in college-level courses through Goldey-Beacom while in high school, earning both high school and college credits simultaneously. This opportunity prepares students for the rigors of college while coupled with the support of outstanding high school faculty. This innovative collaboration aims to empower a community of learners to reach for the stars while offering a seamless transition to higher education.

Unlock Your Future

- ✓ Begin your college journey early and graduate from high school as a college sophomore.
- ✓ Experience traditional high school life while earning college credits.
- ✓ Take advantage of dedicated advisors guiding you every step of the way, ensuring a smooth academic path.
- ✓ Utilize state-of-the-art college facilities to enhance your experience.
- ✓ Build connections with college faculty, expanding your horizons for the future.
- ✓ Fast-track your degree, explore new subjects, build college-level skills, and graduate with confidence.

Future Ready

Prepare today for tomorrow with a seamless transition to college success.

Program Details

- All Goldey-Beacom courses are offered in-person and within the high school instructional day.
- Courses are offered on the high school campus and transition to the college campus during junior/senior years.
- Transportation is available to GBC for college campus courses.
- All students in the Early College Academy are enrolled in an ECA Support Class throughout their time in the program.
- Students must apply through the Delaware School Choice process at www.schoolchoicede.org between November 2, 2026, and January 13, 2027. Families must first select either "Thomas McKean High School" or "Alexis I. du Pont High School" and then select "Early College Academy".
- While there is no prerequisite for incoming 9th graders, students must maintain a 2.8 unweighted cumulative GPA to continue in the program from year to year.
- Students who complete the Early College Academy program are eligible for an annual $4,000 merit scholarship.

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Alexis I. du Pont High School

Located at 50 Hillside Road in Greenville, Alexis I. du Pont High School provides a secure and supportive learning environment with opportunities to engage in the community within and beyond the classroom. We prioritize respect for diversity, integrity, and pride in education to prepare students for their future.

Contact the School Principal at tylert.downes@redclay.k12.de.us

Thomas McKean High School

Located at 301 McKennan's Church Road, Wilmington, Tomas McKean High School ensures all students are college and career-ready by providing the environment, resources, and commitment necessary to succeed.

Contact the School Principal at reginald.worlds@redclay.k12.de.us

Goldey-Beacom College

Located in beautiful Pike Creek Valley and minutes from Red Clay High Schools, Goldey-Beacom is an independent, multilevel college, offering challenging undergraduate and graduate programs. As a teaching-oriented institution of higher learning, the College emphasizes instructional excellence in the classroom and is committed to sustaining faculty who are caring, dedicated, and knowledgeable in their respective fields, who motivate their students to realize their full learning potential, and, above all, who represent teaching excellence. Goldey-Beacom is further committed to providing a caring, wholesome, intellectually stimulating learning environment to its students so they may grow as individuals and become worthy, productive members of society.

Sample GBC Course Offerings

- Early College Academy Bootcamp Course (9th Grade– High School Credit only)
- Public Speaking
- Introduction to Sociology
- Critical Writing I
- Critical Writing II
- College Algebra
- Precalculus
- Humanities I– Our Cultural Heritage
- Humanities II– Roots of the Modern World
- Introduction to Psychology
- Desktop Applications– MS Excel

Red Clay Consolidated School District is the state's largest public/charter school system, serving nearly 15,000 students, and is home to 32 outstanding schools and programs. Leading the way in innovation and future-readiness, Red Clay is known for its nationally recognized educators, award-winning schools, new high school pathways, and certification programs tied to in-demand careers – ensuring student success.
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