



Application to the New Kent Early College Academy: 2024-2025 School Year

***If you submitted an “Intent to Apply” form in the past, it does not substitute for this actual application. To be considered, 10th graders must submit this application by Wed., Dec. 13.**

PROGRAM INFO.:

NKHS strives to offer the associate degree pathway, requiring extremely careful planning of your high school course schedule to satisfy the 61 dual enrollment credits. The certificate offering is roughly half of the associate degree credits. We are confident we can fully support the certificate. We will do our very best to accommodate those wishing to pursue the associate degree, but it is heavily reliant on course offerings. Ms. Gray, the RCC High School Navigator, will always gladly work with a family to assess the student's status in fulfilling the remaining requirements outside of NKHS class time and at the full RCC tuition rate, with additional cost to the family. The certificate level often becomes highly tailored to each student.

NKHS maximizes all AP and DE offerings in an effort to fully support ECA, but some offerings may be virtual or in house with our qualified faculty. Each student will tailor his/her pathway, based on prerequisites met and success moving through the requirements. The certificate program allows for more flexibility in course options. Please be aware that course availability at New Kent High School and RCC are subject to change based on availability, which can vary year to year. Submit this application to the main office or Mrs. Spiak no later than **Wed., Dec. 13.** Upon submission of this completed application the statement of interest will be reviewed. Only students not satisfying the qualifications on page 2 will be denied admission. Students and families will be communicated admission status via email and school messages. If there are questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Peggy Spiak, College, Career, and Life Readiness Coordinator, at pspiak@nkcps.k12.va.us.

PART 1:

NOTE: Please indicate the desired program preference.

☐ **Associate Degree**

☐ **Certificate Program**

How Do I Qualify for Early College Participation?

- ❖ **Must be a current 10th grader to apply. Submitting an "Intent to Apply" form in 9th does not substitute for an application for 10th.**
- ❖ **Must be on track with verified credits and the Advanced Diploma. Attendance must also be excellent.**
- ❖ **Applicants must have an “A” average or better (min. 3.5 cumulative unweighted GPA). Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 at RCC and NKHS.**
- ❖ **Students must be in good course sequencing in math to successfully complete Trigonometry by no later than junior year to take DE math in senior year. (Pre-requisites: Alg. I, Geom., and Alg.II) Failure to be in sequence results formally not being part of ECA.**
- ❖ **Students are strongly encouraged to take as many rigorous classes (Honors) leading up to 11th grade.**
- ❖ **Submit this page and share the personal statement with Mrs. Spiak no later than Dec. 13.**

NOTE: Students must also complete world language and consecutive elective requirements to earn an Advanced Diploma. It is recommended to finish these as soon as possible to free up schedule space. Economics & Personal Finance, also required for graduation, may be taken either junior or senior year.

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STUDENT INFORMATION:

First Name

Last Name

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MAILING ADDRESS:

Street: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

First Name

Last Name

Email: _____ Best Contact Number: _____

PART 2: REQUIRED PERSONAL STATEMENT

In addition to part one of the application, students must submit a written response to the following question. Students may share a Google Doc with Mrs. Spiak or print off and attach their response. The response must be a minimum of 250 words. The personal statement response will not be evaluated for admission purposes and will be considered for information purposes only. **If shared via Google Docs, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that it is sent to Mrs. Spiak by the deadline.**

- Early College Academy has many academic benefits, from preparation for college rigor to college cost savings. Beyond the potential for college credits, please share how you anticipate growing academically and personally through the program.

Early College Timeline:

Wed., Nov. 15, 2023: Student & Parent Virtual Interest Meeting, 6:30 PM

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/cep-ugkz-wxb?hs=122&authuser=0>

Wed., Dec. 13, 2023: Applications and required personal statement due to Mrs. Spiak by 3 PM.

Intent Forms (9th) preferred to be due this date, too!

January: Applications will be reviewed and admission decisions rendered by school email.

March 27, 2024: 6:30 PM, Required Summer Cohort Info Night (Media Ctr.-In Person!)

Attend the mandatory spring meeting for ECA students about the two summer classes and payment details.

May 28, 2024: Summer Cohort Money Due in Full

