

EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY (ECA) AT NEW KENT HIGH SCHOOL

In Partnership with:



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Community College

RCC CAMPUSES AND OFF-CAMPUS SITES



Glenns Campus
804-758-6700



Warsaw Campus
804-333-6700



King George Site
540-775-0087



Kilmarnock Site - Workforce
Center - 804-435-8970

New Kent Site
804-557-2959



What are the benefits of starting at Rappahannock Community College?

- ❑ RCC allows you to complete their first two years of college, typically general education courses.
- ❑ RCC has small classes and opportunities to develop relationships with instructors and advisors.
- ❑ RCC saves time and money.
- ❑ RCC courses are transferable to four-year colleges and universities.
- ❑ RCC offers degrees, certificates, career study certificates and workforce training.



What are the advantages of taking dual enrollment (DE) courses in high school?

- You are both an NKHS student and dual enrolled as well, earning RCC credit at the same time as high school credit.
- DE saves you time and money.
- DE may shorten the time to your college degree completion.
- DE gives you early exposure to the academic rigors of a college-level course.
- DE courses are taught at the college level.
- You can transfer applicable college credit to most 4-year colleges and universities in Virginia (check the VCCS Transfer Guide on the universities' websites).



What are the program goals of the ECA?

- ▶ To introduce you to the experience of real college courses in the supportive environment of high school;
- ▶ To encourage you to attend college by creating a seamless transition from high school to university study;
- ▶ To provide an opportunity for you to earn up to an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree at very low cost;
- ▶ To instill and develop the “habits of mind” necessary for success in higher education and the workplace;
- ▶ To provide options and the “gift of time” at university after high school graduation.



What habits of mind are instilled in the ECA?

- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Engagement
- Flexibility
- Metacognition (Reflection on Your Own Thinking)
- Openness
- Persistence
- Responsibility



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How can you use the “Gift of Time” after graduation from high school?

- ❑ Pursue a double major, because you will have the time to pursue the extra credits and requirements of a second major within a four-year span.
- ❑ Complete a combined Bachelors/Masters program in four years that would normally require five or six years.
- ❑ Take fewer than fifteen credits per term, leaving extra time for part-time (pre-professional) work, intercollegiate athletics, extracurricular activities, student government, study-abroad options, internships, etc.
- ❑ Use summers normally spent catching up on credits to work and earn money.
- ❑ Graduate early and move into the workforce a year or so earlier than your peers.



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Why should you consider the ECA?

- ❑ You will gain valuable experience about the behaviors and attitudes necessary to be successful in a university setting.
- ❑ You can try on the role of a college student in the same way that pre-professionals try on the role of the professional through an internship.
- ❑ You enjoy the freedom to experiment in the role of the college student in a support-rich environment.
- ❑ You have a network of supportive professionals from both the college and the local high school to help you navigate this role well.



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Steps to the ECA

Apply for admission to ECA by:

- ▶ Discussing it with your HS Counselor and RCC HS Navigator
- ▶ Completing an ECA Application
- ▶ Completing a Dual Enrollment Application for RCC
- ▶ Complete the Parent Consent Form
- ▶ Earning Qualifying scores with Virginia Placement Test, PSAT, SAT or ACT or have a 3.0 or higher high school GPA.

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