

Intent to Apply to the New Kent Early College Academy

Qualifying for the Program:

- Must be rising Juniors. Interested rising Sophomores should also formalize their intent to apply in order to plan their schedule.
- Must be able to attend the SDV 100 (College Success Skills) and IT 119 (Information Literacy) at RCC during the summer prior to the Junior year.
- Must have completed Algebra II or higher, Chemistry, and AP Human Geography by the end of their sophomore year.
- Should complete at least year three of a foreign language by the end of their sophomore year.
- Recommend good academic standing as defined as an “A” average or better (3.5 cumulative unweighted GPA). Students with a “B” average (3.0 unweighted GPA) will be considered. Students must maintain a 3.0 at RCC and NKHS.
- Be pursuing an Advanced Studies Diploma.
- Must be on track to have earned 5 verified credits by the end of sophomore year (transfer students will be evaluated independently by school counselor).
- Must have excellent school attendance.
- Complete the Rappahannock Community College Dual Enrollment Form for Admission by your high school’s deadline (per RCC requirement).
- Take the Virginia Placement Test at your high school (VPT) and receive qualifying scores, or submit qualifying SAT/ACT/PSAT scores for review to your high school counselor, by the deadline. Students who have a qualifying SAT/PSAT or ACT score will be notified to continue with the application. Those who do not have qualifying scores, will be given the VPT to determine college readiness before completing the application by April 15.
- Submit the New Kent Early College Academy Intent to Apply form to the high school counselor.
- Submit the RCC dual enrollment form to your high school counselor.
- Submit the High School Permission Form signed by the principal
- Pay tuition and fees to your high school by the deadline. Check with your high school counselor for current tuition and fees and due dates for your high school.

Application Process:

February 24, 2017

- Complete the Early College Academy Intent to Apply (NKHS)

March 10, 2017

- Complete the RCC dual enrollment form available in the counseling office
- Complete the High School Permission Form signed by the principal

March 23 or 24, 2017

- Complete the VPT if needed (NKHS)

Description of the New Kent Early College Academy: A Pathway to the Associate of Arts and Science Transfer Degree

The New Kent Early College Academy allows New Kent High School students to earn an Associates of Arts and Sciences Transfer degree from Rappahannock Community College while still enrolled in high school. The program is designed for high school juniors and seniors who desire a more rigorous academic program and who are highly motivated to complete the requirements for both the high school Advanced Studies Diploma and the A.A. & S. Transfer Degree. The Early College program includes a combination of Advanced Placement and Dual-Enrollment courses, with some course flexibility for students. Successful completion of the program requires necessary course grades in dual enrollment courses and scores on AP Exams of 3 or higher, summer classes at RCC to complete necessary courses, minimum scores on the VPT or other assessment to enroll in dual enrollment classes at NKHS and RCC, and thoughtful early course planning.

The Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in General Studies is a flexible program for those who wish to transfer to a four-year college or university. The Early College curriculum includes a distribution of general education courses which are usually required in the first two years of many baccalaureate programs.

Students successfully completing all course requirements will be awarded the Associate of Arts and Sciences in General Studies from RCC. Although earning an associate degree does not always guarantee junior status at a four-year college or university, Early College graduates may be prepared to enter as third-year students at many four-year colleges or universities. Early College students are strongly urged to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the college or university to which transfer is contemplated and to consult with an advisor at the four-year institution for further transfer assistance. Completion of the A.A. & S. degree with a minimum required GPA may also give students access to the Virginia Community College System's Guaranteed Transfer Program to Virginia colleges and universities.

Because most of the required courses are taught at New Kent High School, for most required courses students and families would only have to pay for the cost of related Advanced Placement Exams and tuition of \$10 per credit for dual-enrollment courses (subject to change). The current cost of the program for families, subject to change, is approximately \$1500 for two years (61 credits) of college work. There are also summer classes to take that are required for all RCC students. Depending upon their schedule and progress students may also need to take courses in the evening at RCC – New Kent Site or Glens Campus to earn college credits from RCC to earn the A.A.S degree. An RCC advisor will be assigned to the student in order to assist with course selection.



Course Progression

Grade 10	Summer RCC	Grade 11 - Fall	Grade 11 - Spring	Summer RCC	Grade 12 - Fall	Grade 12 - Spring
	SDV 100 College Success Skills 1 Credit	Math 158 DE College Algebra 3 Credits	Math 163 DE Pre-Calculus 3 credits	Health or PE 2 Credit	Math TBD DE Math 3 Credits	Math TBD DE Math 3 Credits
	ITE 119 Information Literacy 3 Credits	DE English 111 Alternate Days DE College Composition 1 3 Credits	DE English 112 Alternate Days DE College Composition II 3 Credits		DE English 252 World Literature II 3 Credits Alternate Days	DE English 210 Advanced Composition 3 Credits Alternate Days
AP Human Geography 3 Credits (must earn 3 or better on AP Exam)		AP US History - Alternate Days 6 Credits (must earn 3 or better on AP Exam)			AP Government - Alternate Days 3 Credits (must earn 3 or better on AP Exam)	
			Economics/ Personal Finance			
		AP Biology or AP Chemistry Alternate Days 8 Credits (must earn 3 or better on AP Exam)			AP Biology or AP Chemistry Alternate Days 8 Credits (3 or better on AP Exam)	
3 Credits	4 Credits	6 Credits	21 Credits	4 Credits	6 Credits	17 Credits

Program Goals

1. Introduce students to the experience of college studies in a supportive environment.
2. Encourage high school students to attend college by creating a seamless transition from high school to college.
3. Provide an opportunity for high school students to earn an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree, at low cost.

Notes:

- The approved RCC Elective can be taken online during any semester (summer, fall, or spring) in the junior or senior year.
- Sophomore can take AP Human Geography and receive a 3 on the AP test to receive 3 credits.
- In order to receive the 3/6 credits for an Advance Placement Course, the student must receive a 3 or better on the AP end of year exam.
- Students who pass the college's computer competency test will not have to enroll in ITE 115.
- The above curriculum is for the class of 2020 and subject to change as circumstances warrant.
- Students will need to have taken Algebra 2 and Chemistry prior to their 11th grade year.

ECA programs are evidence that RCC and our public school district partners are working together to respond to Virginia House Bill 1184 and satisfy the requirements of Virginia Code section 22.1-254.13:1. HB 1184 requires local school boards and community colleges to develop agreements allowing high school students to complete an associate's degree or a one-year Uniform Certificate of General Studies from a community college concurrent with a high school diploma.