

## **Attention: All 10<sup>th</sup> Graders - Go to College for FREE!!!**

### **Early College Academy SY 2024-2025 Application Process**

KCPS Early College Academy is a program dedicated to highly motivated students who earn high school credits and college credits towards a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree. The Early College Academy (ECA) is a partnership between Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) and Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley (MCC).

#### **10<sup>th</sup> GRADER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- Current 10<sup>th</sup> grader (Attend KCPS, charter, private or home-schooled)
- Live within the Kansas City Public Schools District boundaries
- High School Transcript with a 3.25 cumulative GPA in 10<sup>th</sup> grade (Completed Fall Semester)

Eligibility Requirements	Final Submission Process
<p><b>STEP 1:</b> Apply for admissions to MCC- Penn Valley as a high school student (FREE) at <a href="https://mcckc.edu/apply">mcckc.edu/apply</a> for the Associate of Arts Degree plan.</p> <p><b>STEP 2:</b> Take the <b>Next-Gen. Accuplacer Test</b> (FREE) in Reading, Writing, and Math at MCC Testing Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must score in Reading, 248 or higher (<i>Recommended or Not Required</i>)</li> <li>- Must score in Writing, 242-245 &amp; No Reading Required <b>or</b> 246 or higher (<i>Eng. 101</i>)</li> <li>- Must score in QAS, 241 or higher <b>and</b>/AFF 237 or higher (<i>Math 95 or higher</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>an ACT score of 21 or higher in each content area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Testing Centers:</u> Call 816.604.1000 to schedule an appointment MCC - Penn Valley Testing Center 3201 SW Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64111</p> <p><b>STEP 3:</b> Complete ECA Interest Application at: <a href="https://forms.gle/PNtcgRFjgU4xv9gs7">https://forms.gle/PNtcgRFjgU4xv9gs7</a> (Current KCPS Students skip to Step 5)</p>	<p><b>STEP 4: (NEW STUDENTS ONLY)</b> Enroll in the KCPS district through the KCPS Online Application –Enrollment starts on <u>January 18, 2024</u>, at <a href="https://kcpublicschools.org">kcpublicschools.org</a>.</p> <p><b>STEP 5: Submit the following documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a current teacher or counselor <b>AND</b> a school administrator or someone of your choice that can speak to your preparation and motivation to succeed in a college environment. (<i>The letter of recommendation cannot be written by family members, friends, classmates, or teammates.</i>)</li> <li>- Current Official High School Transcript</li> <li>- Most Recent Accuplacer test scores</li> <li>- Submit two essays (minimum of 500 words)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>How will earning a college degree enable you to reach your personal and career goals?</i></li> <li>2) <i>Why should you be selected to attend the Early College Academy?</i></li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deliver ECA Application documents in person to the Early College Academy Office</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>email the documents to <a href="mailto:kmcgee1@kcpublicschools.org">kmcgee1@kcpublicschools.org</a> AND <a href="mailto:lcalhoun2@kcpublicschools.org">lcalhoun2@kcpublicschools.org</a>.</b></p> <p>(All attached documents must be submitted in no more than 2 emails.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The ECA Application accepted from January 18, 2024 to April 4, 2024!</u></b></p>

**Free Study Resources (New Generation Accuplacer):** <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/> or  
Online Practice Exam: <https://practice.accuplacer.org>



## THE MISSION

of Early College Academy is to provide an opportunity for highly motivated high school students to participate in the rigor of being college students. Students will earn high school credits while earning college credits as they attend classes, on a college campus.

**For more information:**  
(816) 604-4059

## ABOUT ECA

The Early College Academy (ECA) is a partnership between Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) and Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley. The program was developed for highly motivated KCPS high school students ready to engage in a high school environment and participate in the rigor of college.

ECA students earn high school credits while also earning college credits as they attend classes on the Penn Valley campus.

The ultimate goal of ECA is for KCPS students to graduate with both their high school diploma and an associates degree. With the first two years paid for by KCPS, students can then finish their Bachelor's degree at minimal cost.

### Making education affordable

As a KCPS student, ECA scholars do not pay out-of-pocket for their classes at Penn Valley. Tuition, fees and books are covered as part of the program; however, students need to provide their own transportation to campus.

### Transition from high school to college

In order to be successful, students must maintain a minimum of around a C average in all classes and will receive ongoing support from the ECA staff. The program will help students effectively transition from high school to more rigorous college expectations, helping to prepare students for life at a major university.



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## MCC - Administrator/Teacher/Counselor RECOMMENDATION FORM

This student has requested you to recommend them for their application to the Early College Academy. The applicant must submit recommendations with their application to ECA.

**All documents must be submitted by 3:00 pm on April 4, 2024.**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the student, and in what context?

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**Please rate the student's characteristics using the following scale and provide comments to support the rating:**

(5 - Outstanding, 4 - Excellent, 3 - Good, 2 - Average, 1 - Below Average or N/A – Unable to Rate)

Study habits	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Skills	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Self-Confidence	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Maturity	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Motivation	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Ability Under Pressure	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Self-Discipline	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendation Statement:

I certify that the information given is accurate to the best of my ability as it relates to this student.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**We appreciate your support!!**