

# EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY (ECA) AT NEW KENT HIGH SCHOOL



# 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.

# ECA Curriculum

Summer Session - RCC	Grade 11 - Fall	Grade 11 - Spring	Summer Session - RCC	Grade 12 - Fall	Grade 12 - Spring
SDV 100 College Success Skills (1 Credit)	Math 154 DE Quantitative Reasoning (3 Credits)	Math 245 DE Statistics (3 Credits)	Health or PE (1 or 2 Credits)	General Elective (3 credits) or Math 167 DE Pre-Cal w/ Trig (5 credits)	General Elective (3 credits) or Math 263 DE Calculus (4 Credits)
ITE 152 Intro to Digital and Info Literacy and Computer App (3 Credits)	DE English 111 DE College Composition 1 Alternate Days (3 Credits)	DE English 112 DE College Composition II Alternate Days (3 Credits)	Humanities (3 credits)	DE English 245 Brit Lit I (3 Credits) Alternate Days (Full Year)	DE English 255 World Lit I (3 Credits) Alternate Days (Full Year)
	DE US History HIS 121-122 - Alternate Days (Full Year) (6 Credits)			DE Government PLS 135-136 - Alternate Days (Full Year) (6 Credits)	
		Economics/ Personal Finance		DE Psychology PSY 200-230 - Alternate Days (Full Year) (6 Credits)	
	DE Biology or DE Chemistry - Alternate Days (Full Year) (8 Credits)			DE Biology or DE Chemistry -- Alternate Days (Full Year) (8 Credits)	
4 Credits	26 Credits		4-5 Credits	26-35 Credits	

# What habits of mind are instilled in the ECA?

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

# 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.



# 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.

# 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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