

Orientation to The Early College Program for Parent of Incoming Students

June 17, 2021

Early College (EC) at Montgomery College

- MCPS and Montgomery College (MC) collaboration which provides the opportunity for students from all 25 MCPS high schools to complete their high school graduation requirements on an MC campus and begin their college career.
- MCPS students will complete their Maryland State high school diploma requirements while simultaneously earning an associate degree from Montgomery College.
- The students will **not take any classes at the high school.** They will be fulltime college students taking all of the coursework for the 11th and 12 grade years on the MC campus.
- Early College students will take their first year of college classes together as a cohort. In the second year in the program, students will continue to take most of their classes with the Early College cohort, however, may also take elective courses with other MC students.
- The MC A.A., A.S., A.A.S and A.A.T. degrees earned will transfer to a four-year institution within the state of Maryland as well as many private and public institutions out of state. Admission is not guaranteed to any specific institution within the University System of Maryland.

Assumptions

- ✓ Students have met or are near completion of fulfilling their SSL hours.
- ✓ Students will have successfully completed all 9th and 10th grade classes as outlined on the degree pathways including P.E. (Applicants to the Early College program must be current MCPS students in 10th grade)
- ✓ Students **must earn grades of “C” or higher in their college classes in order to maintain eligibility to remain in the program.** Grades of “C” or better are crucial as this may affect transferability of credits, students ability to receive future federal financial aid and satisfying prerequisites for future college classes.





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Subject	EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM PATHWAY Business: A.S. 006				
	Grade 9 (on HS Campus)	Grade 10 (on HS Campus)	Grade 11 (On RV Campus of MC)	Winter and/or Summer	Grade 12 (On RV Campus of MC)
English	English 9, 1/0	English 10 (honors recommended), 1/0	Sem 1: ENGL 101, 1/3 Sem 2: ENGL 103, 1/3		
Math	Geometry or higher, 1/0	Algebra 2 or higher, 1/0	Sem 1: MATH 150, 1/4 Sem 2: BSAD 210, 1/3		
Science, or Natural Science	9th Grade Science Biology, 1/0	10th Grade Science Chemistry, 1/0	Sem 1: NUTR 101, (NSND), 1/3		Sem 1: BIOL 101 (NSLD), 1/4 (Meets MCPS General Science but NOT Biology credit)
Social Studies, or Humanities/ Electives	U.S. History, 1/0	N.S.L., 1/0	Sem 2: HIST 117 (HUMD), 1/3		
Behavioral and Social Sciences				SOCY 100, (BSSD), 1/3	
Arts, Fine Arts			Sem 2: MUSC 117, 1/3		
Physical Education, Health	General P.E., 1/0;	Health, .5/0			Sem 2: HLTH 105* or HUMN, 1/3
Program	For. Language, 1/0	For. Language, 1/0	Sem 1: BSAD 101, CMAP 120, 2/6		Sem 1: ACCT 221, MGMT 201, ECON 201, 3/10 Sem 2: ACCT 222, ECON 202, BSAD 111, 3/10
Technology Education	MCPS Tech Course, 1/0				
Communications			Sem 2: COMM 112 (SPCF), 1/3		
Elective		Elective, 1/0		Unmet requirements	

*HLTH 105 required if needed to satisfy MCPS graduation requirement, BLUE fulfills both MCPS diploma and MC Degree, BLACK meets MCPS diploma and RED fulfills MC degree requirements. High school classes highlighted in YELLOW that are not completed in 9th or 10th grade will be completed while in the EC Program

Program Cost to Student

Cost of 2 year degree program including tuition, fees and instructional materials*	\$12,700
Approximate cost of program paid by MC & MCPS	\$ 9,920
Approximate cost of program to student (MC fees)	\$ 2,724 <i>(average of \$681 per semester)</i>
Approximate cost of program to student who is FARMS eligible	\$ 0

- Early College students are not eligible for federal financial aid. However, students may apply for Montgomery College High School Grant funds to cover portions of their fees as these funds are available. For more information on the MC High School Grant, go to the *Dual Enrollment Tuition, Fees and Financial Assistance* page at: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EH DU/Department2.aspx?id=50732>
- **Bill payment for fees is due no later than the Friday prior to the start of each term.**

Transportation

MC students can use **Montgomery County Ride On bus service** with their student photo ID and current term registration sticker as well as having access to the **MC inter-campus shuttle system**. MCPS does not provide bus service.



Early College Program Academic Support

Mandatory Summer Program

Health Science students take BIOL 150
course:

July 12-August 19, 2021

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

All other Early College programs, with the
exception of Cybersecurity, will be participating
in a Mathematics Preparation Program:

July 12-no later than August 5, 2021

**Monday- Thursday, 9-10:15 a.m. or 10:45-
noon with assessment testing on Fridays**

Early College Program Summer Academic Support

August 27-29: Mandatory New Student Summer Transition Program

Mornings - Remote

EC students will be prepared to meet the demands of college by bridging the gap between high school and college.

- Learn about specific degree programs: curriculum, opportunities, graduation requirements and transfer
- Discover new study and time management skills and improve team-building and problem-solving skills
- Learn how to access campus resources and services
- Become familiar with the campus and student organizations and clubs
- Increase knowledge of MC policies/procedures including Student Code of Conduct

In fall 2021, the Early College class of '21 is heading to:

- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Howard University
- Stony Brook University
- Xavier University
- Washington College
- Salisbury University
- Towson University
- Purdue University
- Colorado School Of Mines
- Princeton University
- Smith College
- American University
- Morehouse College
- Penn State University
- West Liberty University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- University of Vermont
- Marymount University
- University of Maryland Global Campus

Early College Program Coordinator

- The Early College Program Coordinator is your student's guide to successful completion of the program.
 - Advising
 - Course registration
 - Faculty interaction
 - Connect students to services
 - Early College Seminar
 - College admissions process

Preparing for the College Application Process

First Year of EC Program

- Seminars
- College Info Presentations
- Scholarships
- College Essay Writing
- College Bound Worksheet



Name: _____

Early College Program

Please contact your top 3 colleges/universities of choice and ask the admission counselor the following questions. You will submit this from to me when we have our fall Early College Meeting.

Major: _____

College Selection:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Admissions

I'm in an Early College Program and have college credits I will be transferring, will I apply as a freshman or a transfer student?

How do I apply to the institution?

How will my current college credits be evaluated?

What is the GPA requirement?

Is the ACT or SAT required, if so what is the required score?

Do you accept AP scores?

What is the application deadlines for admission?

Academics

What is the faculty to student ratio?

What majors and minors do you offer?

Do you have to declare a major when you apply?

What are the requirements to get into the school of _____ (ex. Engineering, Medicine, Behavior and Social Sciences)

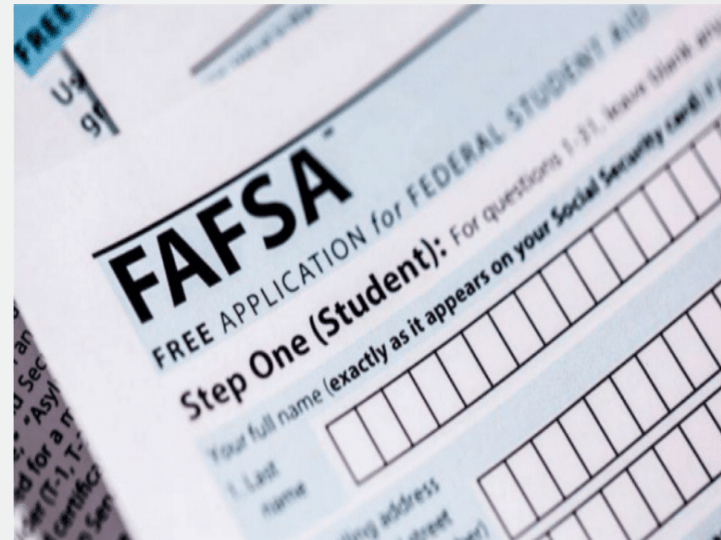
Are there study abroad opportunities?

Would I have an assigned academic advisor that will assist me during my time at the institution?

What additional academic services are offered to students (tutoring, career counseling,

Preparing for the College Application Process

- **Second Year of Program**
 - Seminars
 - Narrowing college search
 - Financial aid
 - Scholarships
 - FASFA
 - Applications



MCPS & Parent Role

MCPS

- Students are still encouraged to attend any high school college information event
- Students are still expected to discuss college application process with high school counselor
 - Naviance
 - Common app & Coalition app

Parent Role

- Educate yourself on the college application process
<https://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/parents-guide-to-education/>
- This is a team effort but you are their #1 support

General Academic Support

- Professors' office hours
- One-on-one tutoring for Math, science, writing
 - no additional cost
 - in person and virtual
- Campus libraries
 - online MC- accessible 24/7 and students may chat with a live librarian

Early College Academic Support

- Embedded coaches in Math, English, and Science courses
 - additional instructor who provides extra support to students by hold weekly coaching sessions
- Biweekly seminars with EC Coordinators
 - study skills, internship information, scholarship and financial aid information, course selection, career exploration, and college transfer process

Disability Support Services

- If students have IEPs or 504 plans in their home high school, we encourage them to request for services with a DSS counselor as soon as possible to discuss the type of accommodation or modifications or services students may need. This process takes time. Students must self-identify for services and apply every semester.

MCPS & MC Student Activities

- We encourage all Early College students to continue to participate in sports teams and clubs at their high schools.
- All activities should occur after their Montgomery College courses.
- Early College students are unable to join MC sports teams, but they can attend campus events and join clubs.
- The student life website and offices are a great place to learn about upcoming events, such as games, movies, student leadership opportunities, clubs and service-learning.
- <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/index.html>

Household Application for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals

- Students may qualify for the FARMS program based on household size and income.
- Federal guidelines change each school year, therefore a new application must be submitted each school year.
- A notice will be mailed home with a determination.
- All of this information and the application can be located on the MCPS website.

Household Application for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals

- It is important for students to complete the application not just for meals but their student fees could be reduced.
- We adjust bills according to the information we receive from MCPS.
- Students are able to review the breakdown of their semester payment by logging into their MYMC account.

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