

EDGECOMBE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Be Yourself; Leave Completely Changed



Application Packet

**** Parent Information Night will be held on January 22, 2018, in the Keihin Atrium on the campus of Edgecombe Community College from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.****

The following items are required for the application and/or an admissions interview:

- A completed application with proper signatures
- Essay responses (2)
- Recommendation Forms (2)
- A copy of 3-8 grade test scores and grades (obtained from current school counselor)
- Attendance and discipline profile (obtained from current school counselor)

Please also note the following:

- Prospective scholars are encouraged to visit the school.
- Applications will only be reviewed once all components are received.
- You may bring application and all required components directly to Sheri Hayes at Edgecombe Early College or you may turn your completed application in to your middle school counselor (ECPS middle schools only).
- The application deadline is **January 31, 2018, by 3:00 p.m.** Applicants are highly encouraged to submit applications before the deadline.

Edgecombe Early College Mission

The EECHS family will create powerful educational experiences that foster academic excellence, personal growth, and global citizenship while cultivating a lifelong passion for learning.

Edgecombe Early College Program Description

Edgecombe Early College is a small and personalized high school located on the Tarboro campus of Edgecombe Community College. Edgecombe Early College focuses on **academic rigor, life relevance, and personal relationships**. Edgecombe Early College not only provides the challenge of honors courses but also a high level of academic support to help all scholars succeed. Early College scholars complete a five-year course of study resulting in a high school diploma and associate's degree.

Unlike a traditional high school, all Early College scholars operate on an individual schedule according to their needs, abilities, and interests. Scholars gain increasing flexibility in creating their daily schedule as they matriculate through our program. Scholars select a combination of high school courses and classes from the Edgecombe Community College schedule.

Scholars

Edgecombe Early College seeks to represent the racial, socioeconomic, and geographic diversity of Edgecombe County Public Schools. This includes scholars who do well academically but are searching for a different learning experience as well as scholars who have encountered a variety of obstacles that may have caused them to fall behind. The Early College offers scholars the opportunity to get a fresh start in a new environment.

Edgecombe Early College is open to scholars who live in the Edgecombe County Public Schools district. Any student who lives out of ECPS school district must apply to the ECPS Board of Education as an out-of-county transfer student upon admission to the Early College. Please note that ECPS requires out-of-county transfer students to pay tuition, which may be waived on a year-by-year basis in cases of financial hardship.

Edgecombe Community College is an adult campus that offers its students an atmosphere of independence that focuses on learning. Every Edgecombe Early College scholar must be willing to make a new commitment to academic success and must also be willing to accept the great responsibility that comes with the independence of the learning environment of a college campus.

Curriculum

Edgecombe Early College scholars are expected to complete all courses required for graduation by the state of North Carolina and the Edgecombe County Board of Education. Scholars are also able to earn credits toward high school graduation by taking courses offered by Edgecombe Community College. These courses allow Early College scholars to earn credits that count toward high school graduation as well as college or technical degrees. Scholars set education and career goals and develop courses of study that allow them to graduate from high school with a head start on a college degree or modern workplace training and skills.

It is the policy of the Edgecombe County Public School System not to discriminate on the basis of race, ethnic origin, sex, or disability in its educational programs, activities or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Frequently Asked Questions

When scholars graduate from Edgecombe Early College, will they receive a regular high school diploma?

Scholars will be able to earn the same high school diploma they would earn in a regular high school provided they earn the required course credit. All scholars will earn a Future-Ready Core Diploma. Edgecombe Early College does not offer occupational or career path diplomas.

Will Early College scholars be able to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities at another high school?

No. The evening schedule does not allow scholars enough time to earn required course credits and participate in such events. Edgecombe Early College will provide scholars with clubs and other extra-curricular activities as need and interest arise. Current clubs we offer include Guitar Club, Step Team, Coding Club, and Art Club. We also offer many student organizations such as Student Council, Prom Committee, and Middle College National Consortium.

What types of scholars are enrolled in Edgecombe Early College?

Part of our mission is to give scholars a fresh start. We offer the support that scholars need to develop their potential and create new opportunities for themselves. We also recognize that there are many scholars who do well academically but are searching for a different learning experience. If these scholars are looking for a mature environment that offers scholars a variety of choices, they may wish to apply to Edgecombe Early College. Our mission specifically focuses on first-generation college students, which comprise approximately 80% of our student body.

Will Early College scholars have to pay for college tuition and textbooks when they register for classes offered by Edgecombe Community College?

No. Early College scholars will not have to pay community college tuition, and Edgecombe County Public Schools will pay for textbooks. However, students who are out-of-county transfers are required by ECPS to pay tuition to the school district, which may be waived on a year-by-year basis in cases of financial hardship.

Is transportation provided?

Yes. Bus transportation will be provided for students who reside in Edgecombe County.

Will Edgecombe Early College serve meals?

Yes. Edgecombe County Public Schools offers optional grab-n-go breakfast and full hot lunches for our scholars at Edgecombe Early College. These meals are available at no cost to scholars, regardless of income levels.

EDGECOMBE EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATION

Part I. Scholar Information (completed by scholar)

Scholar Name: _____ Gender: _____ Race: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

School Presently Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

**ECPS Email Address: (if applicable) _____

Do you receive text messages? (circle one) **YES** **NO**

Do you have a family member who presently attends or graduated from EECHS? **YES** **NO**

If yes, what is his/her name? _____

Circle the characteristics that best describe you. Circle all that apply.

creative	team player	good time management skills
shy	misunderstood	disconnected from traditional school
friendly	independent thinker	needs attention
flexible	strong leadership skills	able to walk away from conflict
loner	readily accepts authority	needs help with organization

**A valid email address is required for all applicants. If you are not a current ECPS student, provide your personal email address. We will contact all applicants regarding your admission status via email. **

Part II. Parent Information (completed by parent)

*****Parent Information Night will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018, in the Keihin Atrium on the campus of Edgecombe Community College from 5:30 p.m.-7:00p.m.*****

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian: _____

Address: (if different) _____
Street City State Zip

Work Number: _____ Cell Number _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____

Parent Educational Background:

Parent/Guardian #1

- _____ Did not graduate from high school
- _____ Earned a GED
- _____ High school diploma
- _____ Associate's degree
- _____ Bachelor's degree
- _____ Education beyond Bachelor's degree

Parent/Guardian #2

- _____ Did not graduate from high school
- _____ Earned a GED
- _____ High school diploma
- _____ Associate's degree
- _____ Bachelor's degree
- _____ Education beyond Bachelor's degree

Does your child currently receive special education services (IEP or 504 Plan)? **YES** **NO**

Does your child ride an ECPS bus? **YES** **NO**

Please evaluate your child on the following characteristics.

	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Cannot Evaluate
Accepts responsibility for learning				
Works well with peers				
Accepts personal responsibility for actions				
Has interests beyond the classroom				
Shows respect to authority				
Motivated to do well in school				
Makes mature decisions				



Parent Questions:

1. **How do you feel your scholar will benefit from attending Edgecombe Early College? What are your expectations?**

2. **In support of your child as an Early College scholar, what is your family’s ability to provide transportation outside of the normal school day?**



3. **Are there any challenges that your family or your scholar has faced that you would like for us to consider when evaluating their application?**

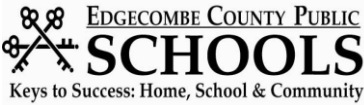
Please Read Carefully: By submitting this application, you understand the commitment of effort and time the scholar is undertaking if accepted into Edgecombe Early College. This commitment means agreeing to remain in the program for at least one semester. By signing and submitting this application, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and the scholar understand that any attendance or behavior problems will be sufficient cause to rescind any reassignment that may be granted. Additionally, you agree to release your high school transcripts for use by Edgecombe Early College and Edgecombe Community College.

_____ (Parent/Guardian signature)

Date: _____

_____ (Scholar signature)

Date: _____



Edgecombe Early College High School Scholar Essay Questions

Use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following questions in paragraph form.

1. Why do you think the Early College is a good fit for you?
2. Edgecombe Early College will be a big step for many scholars. Please discuss your current grades and study habits. If your grades are not where they need to be, what changes are you willing to make to improve them?

Note: Please limit each response to approximately 200 - 250 words.

Type or complete in ink and attach page(s).

***** Make sure these essay responses reflect your very best work.*****

Recommendation Form

Scholar: This recommendation form should be completed by a school employee at the school you currently attend. This form should not be completed by a relative. You must include two recommendations for your application to be considered complete.

School Personnel: Please complete this form and return to the scholar in a sealed envelope with your signature across the back flap. Each school’s counselor usually has their own deadline for applications so please keep this date in mind so that scholars may have this form back to their counselor by the deadline.

Scholar Name: _____ **School Name:** _____

1. On a scale of 1 – 10, how often does the scholar complete his/her **homework** in your class?

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Always			Usually				Rarely		

2. On a scale of 1 – 10, how often does the scholar contribute his/her **very best effort** in your class?

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Always			Usually				Rarely		

3. On a scale of 1 – 10, how **responsible** is this scholar in terms of his/her **academic work**?

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Most responsible scholar this year			Average responsibility				Generally irresponsible		

4. Is there anything about this scholar, in particular, that makes him/her especially suited for Edgecombe Early College?

5. Based on your experience with the applicant, what recommendation would you make regarding his/her application to Edgecombe Early College High School?

() Highly Recommend () Recommend () Recommend with reservations () Do not recommend

Name (please print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

Additional Comments:



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Always Usually Rarely

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3. On a scale of 1 – 10, how **responsible** is this scholar in terms of his/her **academic work**?

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Most responsible Average Generally
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