

EDGECOMBE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Be Yourself; Leave Completely Changed



Application Packet

***** Parent Information Night will be held on January 14, 2019, 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)
- Math Teacher Recommendation Form
- Core Teacher Recommendation Form (ELA, Science, or Social Studies Teacher)
- Grades 3-8 grade standardized 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 the 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, 2019, by 3:00 p.m.** Applicants are highly encouraged to submit applications before the deadline.

Edgecombe Early College Program Description

Edgecombe Early College is member of North Carolina's Cooperative Innovative High School network located on the Tarboro campus of Edgecombe Community College. Our instructional program is driven by a commitment to **academic rigor, life relevance, and personal relationships**. EECHS not only provides the challenge of honors courses but also a high level of academic support to help all scholars succeed. Our 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. 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. If you live outside of Edgecombe County, please contact our counselor, Sheri Hayes, before applying to our school.

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).

Our 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.

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 based on student interest. Just a few of our current clubs include Guitar Club, Step Team, Art Club, Dance Club, and outdoor activities. We also offer many student organizations such as Student Council, National Honor Society, 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.

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: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Race: _____

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 and relationship to you? _____

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

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| 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 exclusively through email. **

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.*****

