



Red Clay Consolidated School District

Early College Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

What is dual-enrollment?

Dual enrollment allows high school students to take college classes while still enrolled in high school. These classes count for high school and college credits simultaneously. Students are developing a college transcript while still in high school.

Are there academic requirements to be a student in the Early College Academy?

While there are no prerequisites to apply and be accepted through the Delaware School Choice program, students must maintain a weighted high school GPA of 2.8 to remain in good standing and register for the dual-enrollment courses year to year.

What will academic support look like?

Students will be supported in several ways. The 9th Early College Academy Boot Camp course will teach the important skills and strategies to prepare students for the rigors of college level coursework. Additionally, students will have a support class that will include structured academic time and an advisor to support them throughout their time in the program.

Can I still participate in extracurricular activities and athletics?

Yes, the Early College Academy will not prohibit students from participating in high school athletics, clubs, and activities. This allows students the important aspects of the traditional high school experience.

Can I enroll at another high school and be in the Early College Academy at Goldey-Beacom?

No, the Early College Academy is only offered at Alexis I. du Pont High School and Thomas McKean High School.

What if I lose interest in the program? Can I still remain at AI or McKean?

Yes, students who choose not to remain in the Early College Academy program may continue as students at Alexis I. du Pont High School or Thomas McKean High School.

Will the credits I earn at Goldey-Beacom transfer to other colleges and universities?

While students transfer credits from Goldey routinely, the decision rests in the hands of the receiving college/university. Families should contact individual colleges/universities for more information.

Will there be transportation available from the high school site to Goldey Beacom and back?

Yes, bus transportation is provided daily for students to get to and from the Goldey campus. Upperclassmen with their own transportation may use this option.

What are the behavior expectations to participate in the Early College Academy?

Students must meet the behavior standards of the Red Clay Consolidated School District and must meet the behavior requirements of Goldey-Beacom when on the college campus. Students not meeting behavior standards may not participate in courses offered on the Goldey campus.

How do I apply?

Students must apply through the Delaware School Choice process <https://www.schoolchoicede.org/>. Families must first select either "Thomas McKean High School" or "Alexis I du Pont High School" and then select "Early College Academy."

What if I live in the attendance zone?

If you live in the attendance zone of either Alexis I. du Pont high school or Thomas McKean high school and are interested in this Early College Academy at either of the schools, you should complete the choice process outlined above.

