

EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY



Preparing Students to be College and Career Ready!

Saint Louis Public Schools in Partnership with
St. Louis Community College-Forest Park



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**“ECA lets us take
our education into
our own hands!”**

**Camryn, McKinley Classical
Leadership Academy High
School**

The Early College Academy (ECA) Program

is a dual enrollment program that enables a limited number of qualifying Saint Louis Public School (SLPS) juniors and seniors to take college courses at St. Louis Community College’s (STLCC) Forest Park Campus.

The ultimate goal of ECA is for SLPS students to graduate with a high school diploma as well as earning an associate degree from STLCC.

Get college credit while you are still in High School

The Perks

ECA students have the best of both worlds as they get a head start on college while taking part in extra-curricular programs (athletics, social clubs, etc.) and other activities associated with the traditional high school experience. In addition, ECA students receive:

- FREE tuition, fees, and books
- Access to all resources provided through STLCC
- Transportation support (Metro Pass) from STLCC

Student Support

While dually enrolled, ECA students will receive on-going counselor support to ensure:

- A successful transition from their high school to a college environment at STLCC.
- They are prepared to successfully transition and graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree or industry recognizable credential from a technical college in their majors of interest.

SLPS Students Must Have:

The ECA application process begins the second semester of Sophomore year. Eligible students must meet the following qualifications:

- Enrollment in an SLPS school during both 9th and 10th grades
- Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher after the first semester of 10th grade
- Office school disciplinary and attendance records
- ACCUPLACER Next Generation minimum scores (Reading 250, Writing 250, Match QAS-262 or AAF-200)
- Recommendations from two teachers and another non-related source
- An essay of at least one page written solely by the student
- A signed agreement to abide by the expectations and responsibilities of ECA

Student Responsibilities:

- Transportation to and from STLCC (with support of STLCC Sponsored Metro Pass)
- Following the college's academic calendar, attending classes on time
- Meeting behavioral expectations of both SLPS and STLCC

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Getting Started

Speak with your school counselor. After you have a conversation with your school counselor, they will guide you through the next steps in qualifying for the dual enrollment program.

The application process begins after the first semester of Sophomore year. Prepare for the Accuplacer test that you will be taking at your high school by going to <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org> for practice tests and study materials.

Schedule a Visit

Students and parents are encouraged to visit the Early College Academy (ECA) program at:

St. Louis Community College-Forest Park

Tower G, Suite G328-329

Open Monday-Friday, 7:45 am-3:30 pm

To schedule a visit or to learn more, please contact:

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