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KCPS Early College Academy Information Session

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What is the Early College Academy?

- Early College Academy (ECA) is a student-centered program for highly motivated 11th and 12th grade high school students to participate in engaging and rigorous academic college coursework on a community college campus.
- Students are provided support to meet high expectations to complete the required 60 college credits while earning a high school diploma.

What are the benefits of participating in the Early College Academy?

- Students earn an Associate of Arts degree with 60 credit hours and their high school diploma
- Two years of “FREE” college tuition and textbooks paid, by KCPS District
- Students attend all courses on a college campus during 11th and 12th grade school year (early start to college life)
- Free breakfast and lunch
- Students are placed in a cohort of 5 to 6 people
- MCC College ID serves as a “Bus Pass” to get to and from school
- Free Tutoring and Mentoring (Virtual Zoom Meetings)
- Participation in college fairs/tours (Virtual Tours offered by Colleges)
- Assistance with completing financial aid, college applications and scholarships

What are the HS and College Credit requirements?

High School Diploma:

Requires a minimum of 24 credits

- ✓ **4 English**
- ✓ **3 Science**
- ✓ **3 Math**
- ✓ **4 History (which includes)**
 - ✓ **American History**
 - ✓ **World History**
 - ✓ **Government**
 - ✓ **Economics/Personal Finance**
- ✓ **1 Practical Art**
- ✓ **1 Fine Art**
- ✓ **1 PE**
- ✓ **.5 Health**

Associate of Arts - 2 Years Credit Block:

Requires a minimum of 60 Credits

- ✓ **1st Semester (Jr. Yr.): 15 – 17 credits**
- ✓ **2nd Semester (Jr. Yr.): 15 – 17 credits**

- ✓ **MCC Summer School: Optional**
(Student is responsible for tuition)

- ✓ **1st Semester (Sr. Yr.): 15 – 17 credits**
- ✓ **2nd Semester (Sr. Yr.): 15 – 17 credits**

What must a 10th grader have to be considered for the Early College Academy?

- Complete all 9th and 10th courses credit requirements (earn 12 – 14 credits)
- A 3.5 or higher GPA
- 80% or higher attendance
- Minimal to no behavioral issues

How does a 10th grader apply for the ECA?

During the Winter semester, student must complete the following steps:

- Enroll in Kansas City Public Schools District for the 2021-2022 SY
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a current teacher or counselor AND a school administrator or someone of your choice that can speak to your preparation and motivation to be successful in a college environment.
(Recommendations cannot be written by family members, friends, classmates or teammates.)
- Submit current high school transcript with test scores
- Submit the most recent Accuplacer test scores *(College Placement Exam)*
- Submit two essays *(minimum of 500 words)* written by student addressing specific essay prompt provided by ECA

ECA Application Process

Early College Academy 2021-2022 Application Process

KCPS Early College Academy is a program dedicated for highly motivated students that earn high school credits as well as college credits towards a high school diploma and an Associate's degree. The Early College Academy (ECA) is a partnership between Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) and Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley (MCC).

Criteria:

- Current 10th grader (Attend KCPS, charter, private or home-schooled)
- Live within the Kansas City Public Schools District boundaries
- High School transcript with at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA in 10th grade

ECA Application Process

Step #1 & #2

Step 1: Apply for admissions to MCC- Penn Valley as a high school student (FREE) at mcckc.edu/apply.

Step 2: Take the Placement Test (FREE) in reading, writing and math at MCC Testing Center:

- Must score in reading, 248 or higher
- Must score in writing, 246 or higher
- Must score in math, 241 or higher

or

an ACT score of 21 or higher in each content area

Testing Centers:

Call 816.604.1000 to schedule appointment

MCC - Penn Valley Testing Center

3201 SW Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64111

Testing hours: Mon./Thurs./Fri. – 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Tues/Wed, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

or

MCC – Business and Technology Testing Center

1775 N. Universal Ave, Kansas City, MO 64120

Saturdays, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Free Study Resources

(New Generation Accuplacer):

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/education/next-generation>

What college placement scores are needed to be considered for the ECA?

Before you can test, you must apply at MCCKC.edu to be assigned a MCC ID#. (Email will be sent from MCC with this information).

Take the College Placement Test (FREE) in reading, writing and math at MCC Testing Center:

- Must score in reading, 248 or higher (*Reading 100 or Not required*)
- Must score in writing, 246 or higher (*Eng. 101*)
- Must score in math, 241 or higher (*Math 85/95; Math 115 or higher*)

or

- an ACT score of 21 or higher in each area of the ACT

How to apply to MCC and take the College Placement Exam?

The screenshot shows the MCC website with several elements highlighted by red circles and arrows:

- A red circle around the address bar showing `mcckc.edu`.
- A red circle around the "Apply to MCC" button in the top navigation bar.
- A red circle around the "Apply to MCC" link in the "Five Steps to Jumpstart Your Life" section.

Numbered steps for applying are listed in a white box on the left:

- 1 www.mcckc.edu
2. Click "Apply to MCC"
3. Online Application

Below the steps, a blue button reads "View Available Credit Cla...".

The "Five Steps to Jumpstart Your Life" section includes:

- 1 Apply to MCC**
 - ✓ Complete an [online application](#) (International students apply here)
 - ✓ Send us your [transcripts](#)
 - ✓ If you have a disability, see Disability Support Services/DSS
- 2 Financial Aid**
 - ✓ Check out [loans, scholarships and A&S](#) benefits available to MCC students
 - ✓ [Apply for aid](#)
 - ✓ Review [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) requirements
- 3 Get Tested & Advised**
 - ✓ Take the [placement tests](#)
 - ✓ Attend a [StART](#) (Student Advising And Registration Time) group session
- 4 Enroll & Pay**
 - ✓ Pay your [tuition & fees](#)
 - ✓ Enroll for [classes](#)
- 5 Attend Class!**
 - ✓ Attend [New Student Orientation](#)
 - ✓ Get your [student ID](#)
 - ✓ Buy your [books](#)

A large blue "APPLY" button is at the bottom right of the steps section.

At the bottom of the page, the "AREAS OF STUDY" section lists "Professional Nursing" and "Busi...".

Where can I take the College Placement Exam (Accuplacer)?

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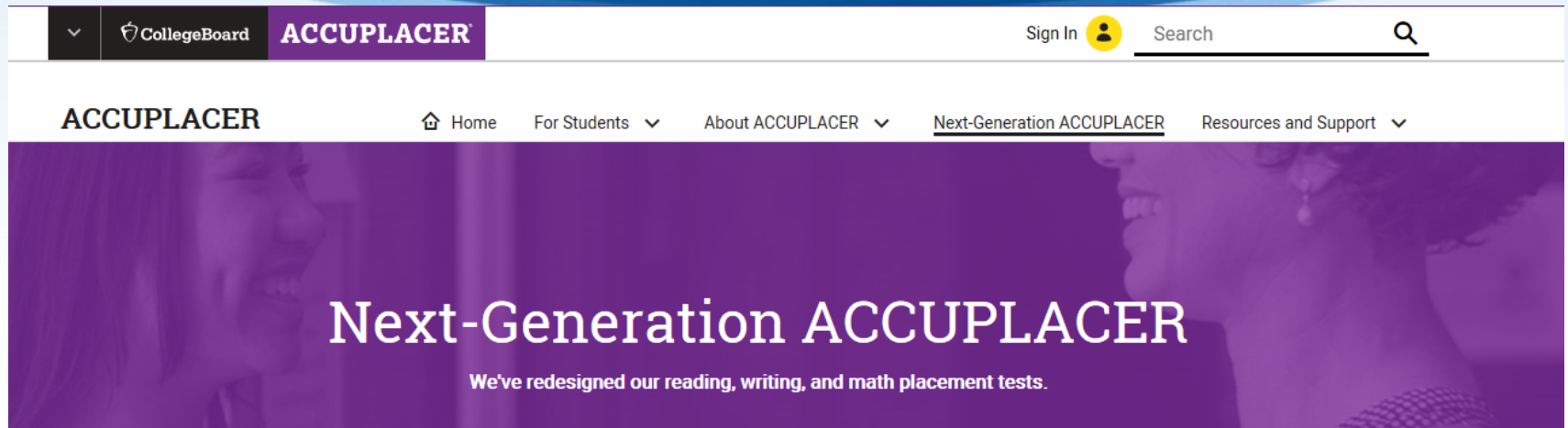
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How to prepare for the College Placement Exam (Accuplacer) at MCC?



Next-Generation ACCUPLACER

Our next-generation ACCUPLACER placement tests are now available with redesigned reading, writing, and math content. Next-generation ACCUPLACER placement tests more effectively help institutions place students in classes that match their skill level, and include texts and tasks encountered in first-year college courses. The new tests:

- Align to the same content domain continuum as the SAT Suite of Assessments
- Help institutions improve course placement accuracy
- Reflect the changing landscape of higher education with math sequences aligned to clear pathways

ACCUPLACER users will have the option of administering either the classic placement tests or the next-generation placement tests but not both at the same time.

[Contact us to learn more about next-generation ACCUPLACER.](#)

[Find answers to your questions in our next-generation ACCUPLACER FAQs.](#)

ECA Application Process

Step #3 & Step #4

Step 3: Complete ECA Interest Application at:
<https://forms.gle/9Ppit3Twy16QvUMQ6>

Step 4: Enroll in KCPS district through the KCPS Online Application – NEW STUDENTS ONLY starting on December 14, 2020 at *kcpublicschools.org*.

ECA Application Process – Step #5

Step 5: Submit the complete following documents in an envelope to the ECA Office:

- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a current teacher or counselor AND a school administrator or someone of your choice that can speak to your preparation and motivation to be successful in a college environment.

(The letter of recommendation cannot be written by family members, friend, classmate or teammate.)

- Current Transcript with test scores
- Most Recent Accuplacer test scores
- Submit two essays (minimum of 500 words)
 - 1) How will earning a college degree enable you to reach your personal and career goals?
 - 2) Why should you be selected to attend the Early College Academy?

Deadline to submit ECA Application and documentation to the Early College Academy Office on lcalhoun@kcpublicschools.org and ppearson1@kcpublicschools.org.

All documents must be submitted in one email only.

Important Dates to Remember

What to do when . . .

All documentation must be
submitted all at once to the

KCPS Early College Academy Office

Humanities Bldg. 008A

816.604.4059 (Office)

OR

Scan and email to

lcalhoun@kcpublicschools.org and
ppearson1@kcpublicschools.org.

**What to do when to apply for
the 2021-2022 school year:**

- **December 14, 2020** – Apply to KCPS District
- **January 11, 2021** – Early College Academy Application submissions open
- **April 2, 2021** – Deadline for final submission
- **May 2021** - Notification of acceptance into the program

Additional Questions

Call the KCPS Early College Academy Office at
816.604.4059

