

ECA FAQ'S

1. Can I still be in sports/clubs at my high school?

Absolutely. ECA students are able to participate in extra-curricular activities at their high schools. We have students that continue to be members of their high school's bands, athletic teams, theatre productions, among other activities. ECA students are also able to participate in clubs at STLCC, just not the athletic teams.

2. Can I participate in high school events/senior activities?

Absolutely. ECA students can participate in all of the high school events and senior activities they desire. If there are conflicts with class times at STLCC, there just needs to be communication with the professor ahead of time.

3. Is transportation provided to Forest Park?

Transportation is not provided by SLPS, but STLCC provides a Metro pass every semester.

4. Will my STLCC credits transfer to my 4-year university?

Credits earned at STLCC by ECA students will transfer to many colleges and universities all over the country. However, there are certain institutions, especially Ivy League and highly selective schools that do not accept any dual-enrollment credits. Participation in the ECA enhances students' academic resumes to help their chances of being accepted into those institutions.

5. What are the requirements to get into the ECA?

- Enrolled in a SLPS high school for your freshman and sophomore years
- At least a 3.5 GPA after 1st semester of sophomore year.
- No major discipline or attendance issues.
- Test into college level courses on the Accuplacer.

The sections of the Accuplacer and qualifying scores are reading, writing, and math. There is a study guide and practice tests on the College Board website.

- Complete the ECA application; which includes an essay and 3 letters of recommendation.
- Application materials are due in late April, and students are notified of acceptance by early May.

6. Will I be in classes with adults or college students or other high school students at STLCC?

ECA students are in classes taught by college professors with traditional college students.

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7. Will I need to pay for anything?

The ECA is a free program to SLPS students. SLPS and the SLPS Foundation pays for all tuition, books, and fees. The only time an ECA student would need to pay for anything is if a grade of D/F is earned in a class, the tuition for that class would need to be refunded before graduation.

8. What if I am not able to keep up with the workload?

ECA students have an onsite Counselor every day to assist you with any issues including the transition from high school to college expectations. We have the ECA Suite; which located in the old Presidential Suite at Forest Park, with 22 computers, study rooms, and breakfast and lunch are delivered every day.

ECA students will also have access to all of the Academic resources at STLCC including the Academic Support Center, Academic Advisors and Counselors. Most of all, we have a strong and supportive community feel in the ECA and the students are always willing to assist you with any issues you may be having.

9. Are there specific courses I will be expected to take, or can I take courses towards my anticipated major?

All of the classes ECA students take at STLCC will fulfill both the remaining requirements for a high school diploma as well as the requirements for an Associate's Degree. These subject areas include English, Math, Social Studies, Science, and any other courses needed for high school. ECA students also take classes in Public Speaking, Humanities and Fine Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Life and Physical Sciences.

There are elective credits included in the program that allow ECA students to take additional classes towards the desired majors they are looking to pursue after the program. Each course is worth 1 weighted high school credit, which can have an extremely positive impact on high school GPA.