

Early College Academy Overview

The Early College Academy (ECA) Program is a dual enrollment program, which means students are enrolled in both high school classes and college courses. Students will attend classes on the Forest Park Campus of St. Louis Community College and are still allowed to participate in their high schools' extra-curricular activities. The program begins with a junior cohort group and continues through to the end of students' senior year.

The ultimate goal of ECA is for SLPS students to graduate with a high school diploma as well as an Associate's Degree - General Transfer from St. Louis Community College-STLCC. While in college, students will gain access to all the resources provided through STLCC. Tuition, fees, and books are covered but transportation expense is the responsibility of the students.

In order to be successful in the program, all students must maintain a B or better GPA in all classes and will receive on-going support from the ECA counselor. The counselor will help students effectively transition from high school to college expectations preparing them to transfer and graduate with a Bachelors of Arts degree or industry recognizable credential from a technical college in their majors of interest.



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Selection Process

Interested 10th graders are expected to complete an SLPS ECA application packet and once accepted into the program complete an STLCC application online. The deadline for submission of all material is **April 27, 2018**. ECA program takes the place of a student's 11th and 12th grade years of traditional high school. Students should have a strong foundation of Algebra II and Geometry before enrolling, but the ECA Committee looks at the overall picture of a student's academic performance by considering the following:

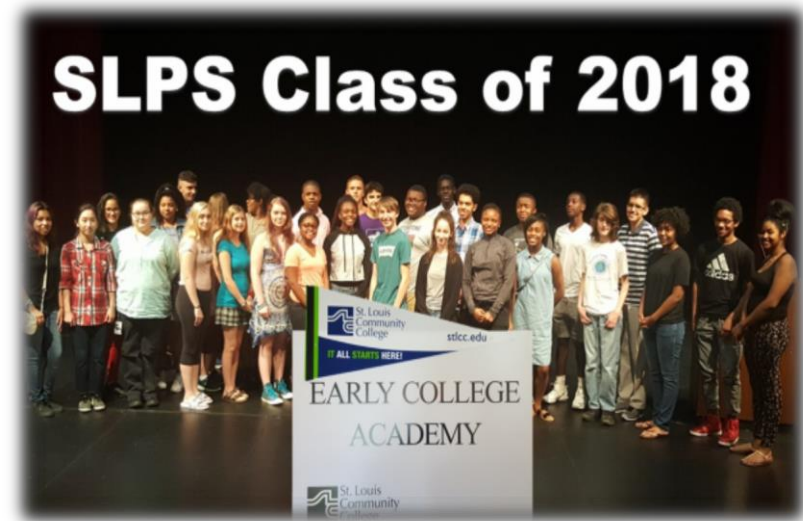
Students must have:

- ⇒ Classroom Performance (Grades in courses taken in 9th and 10th grades)
- ⇒ Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
- ⇒ Official student disciplinary record from school
- ⇒ Recommendations from two teachers and one from another source not related to the student
- ⇒ ACCUPLACER scores (Reading Comprehension- 77, Sentence Skills - 83, Mathematics-College Level Math section- 46, Arithmetic section: 80; Elementary Algebra section: 76; College Level section: 0- 46)

- ⇒ An essay (at least one page) written by the student (the essay must reflect the effort of the student alone)
- ⇒ A signed agreement to abide by the expectations and responsibilities of the SLPS Early College Academy

Students will be responsible for:

- ⇒ Their transportation to and from STLCC
- ⇒ Following the academic calendar of the college and being on time and in attendance to all classes
- ⇒ Following the behavioral expectations of both the SLPS and STLCC



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