

Wake County Public School System's Early College Program



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MAGNET PROGRAMS

WCPSS offers four different early college programs – Wake Early College of Health & Sciences, Wake STEM Early College, Wake Young Men's & Young Women's Leadership Academies and Vernon Malone College and Career Academy. The Wake Leadership Academies accept applications from students in grades 5-9. WECHS and Wake STEM accept applications from students in grade 8 -9. VMCCA accepts applications from students in grades 8-10.

Early College schools help students get a head start on college or a career while earning their high school diploma. Student take high school and college courses with many of the college courses transferable to a certificate at Wake Tech or a four-year program. College courses are taught by college/university faculty at no cost to students or parents. When students graduate, they will not only have earned college credits but they will also have a better idea of the career they want to pursue.

Early College Fair – October 17, 2016
9-11am at Vernon Malone College and Career Academy

2016-2017 Early College Application/Selection Information

- Early College applicants may completed an application **October 15 – December 14, 2015**. The link will be available at wcpss.net beginning on October 16th.
- Students must complete an essay and get recommendations from the ELA teacher, the math teacher and a counselor or school administrator.
- Each application is scored against a rubric by staff from both the early college and the college/university partner. The highest possible score is 100
- Applications are scored on prior report card grades, current semester grades, prior EOG/EOC scores, the essay and recommendations
- During the selection process, each applicant is assigned a number randomly and then priority points are added according to their score on the early college application.
- Students not selected for their first choice school are assigned to the wait list for that school even if they get their second or third choice.
- Students selected for an early college will automatically be assigned to that early college. Be sure to only apply for schools that you are interested in attending.
- Students wishing to apply to both an early college and a magnet school may do so without losing their magnet selection priorities.
 - Applications for early colleges will be processed first. If a student is selected for an early college, their magnet application will NOT be processed.
 - If a student is not selected for the early college, they will be assigned to the wait list for their first choice early college and their magnet application will be processed using any magnet priorities for which they qualify.

For more information, email earlycollegeprograms@wcpss.net or call 919.431.7349