

STUDENT NAME: _____

LAST

FIRST

Early College Option Admissions Application



*The application deadline for the Early College Option Program is 04/30/2019 at 3:00pm. Anything received in person, email, or fax after the deadline will be put on a waiting list. Turn it in to Early College office located at RPCCC. **Incomplete applications will be returned for completion.** Applicant will be notified of admissions status by phone no later than 06/1/2019. For more information, please call 225-743-8747 or email us at early.college@apsb.org.*

2019 – 2020 Early College Option

The criteria for selecting students for admission into the Early College program are as follows:

- Be a resident of Ascension Parish
- Be a first time ninth grader in the 2019-20 school year
- The applicant must meet the requirements for promotion from eighth grade to ninth grade including LEAP, PARCC, and any other criteria to be determined.
- The applicant must have completed ALL portions of the application for admission.

NOTE: While attending Early College Option, if the student experiences issues with attendance, tardiness, discipline, low grades due to lack of effort, inability to pass college placement exams, lack of parent/guardian cooperation, etc. the administration reserves the right to recommend that the student be dismissed from the Early College Option and returned to his/her home based campus.

APSB/RPCC EARLY COLLEGE 9th Grade ENROLLMENT FORM (2019-2020)
(Projected Date of Graduation: May, 2023)

Home High School (please circle)	Donaldsonville HS	Dutchtown HS	East Ascension HS	St. Amant HS
8th Grade School				
Student Name:			Date of Birth:	
Gender (please circle)	Male		Female	
Race: (please circle)	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian	Black or African American	
	Hispanic or Latino	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		White/Caucasian
Parent/Guardian Name(s) (List all that apply.)	Mother:	Father:	Other:	
Current Physical Address:	Current Mailing Address: (put "same" if also physical)			
Parent Email Address:				
Parent contact numbers (Please mark * the best number to SPEAK to someone.)	Home:	Work:	Cell:	
Transportation needed from home to school (please circle)	YES	NO		
Transportation needed from school to home (please circle)	YES	NO		
Health/Medication Plan at School (please circle)	YES	NO		
Parent/Guardian Signature:			Date:	

Parent/Guardian Response Required: (Please answer the following questions.)

1. What support systems (i.e. time, tutoring, supplies) do you feel your student would need in order to be successful in the early college setting?

2. What do you see as your student's greatest strength?

3. What do you expect from your student's experience at Early College Option?

Student Response Required: Please answer the following questions neatly in your own handwriting.

4. If one of your friends asked you to explain why you want to attend Early College Option, what would you tell him/her? Please be specific.

5. What do you want your high school experience to include? Describe the perfect high school for you to be successful.

6. An early college high school offers/requires coursework that is a combination of both high school and college courses in a college setting. Explain why you feel prepared to handle this type of educational experience.

Early College Option Parent Agreement

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Early College is a unique program committed to student success. Self-determination and personal independence in a public school can only exist when all students, parents, and staff share a set of values and standards and work diligently to honor them.

As an Early College Option parent, I will adhere to the following guidelines to help my student be successful:

- Attendance is very important. Please insure your student is in school unless he/she is ill.
- Encourage your student and be actively engaged in what your student is learning.
- Provide daily time (two – three hours) for your student to do homework without other responsibilities (for example: cleaning the yard, babysitting siblings, etc).
- Provide your student with a space in the home to study and do daily homework that is comfortable and free of major distractions.
- Provide structure and encouragement for your student as he/she will need to complete several hours of homework daily.
- Check your student’s grades on-line (college and high school) every week and provide assistance if he/she is experiencing difficulty.
- Realize it will not be practical for your student to hold an out-of-school job during the school year if many work hours are required.
- Be available for conferences as needed.
- Make sure your student gets enough sleep each night.
- If you have Internet access, understand your student will need to be on-line to do work.
- As a college student, your student will be exposed to college materials. Censoring will not be a part of your student’s curriculum.
- Your student will be doing more work than a traditional high school student and may have extra stress. Show your support and understanding in a positive way.
- Support your student by attending events and volunteering to help when possible.

Lack of improvement or growth may result in a student losing his/her placement at Early College Option. I agree to provide the necessary supports, as described, to insure my student’s success.

Enrollment at Early College Option is for an academic year. The student who is unsuccessful will remain at the Early College Option for the remainder of that school year and return to the home-based school the next school year.

Student Name (Please Print)

Parent Name (Please Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Early College Option Student Agreement

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Early College is a unique program committed to student success. Self-determination and personal independence in a public school can only exist when all students, parents, and staff share a set of values and standards and work diligently to honor them.

Early College Option students are expected to:

- Submit official documentation of final report card and/or standardized testing scores, and any special education or 504 services provided in previous school.
- Commit to being seated and prepared to learn at the assigned start time of each class; tardiness will result in missed knowledge and disciplinary action.
- Demonstrate the ability to be an independent worker by keeping track of assignments, completing work with only simple modifications (assignments notebook, preferential seating, etc) (as may be stated in an IEP or 504 plan), turning in assignments on time on the day and class period due, and working on grade level in all content areas prior to concurrent college course assignment.
- Maintain satisfactory attendance in keeping with the Ascension Parish School System and River Parish Community College guidelines.
- Maintain satisfactory conduct in accordance with the APSB/RPCC Policies and Procedures, which can be found in the APSB Student Handbook and the RPCC Catalog/Student Handbook.
- Replace lost or destroyed property. For example: school equipment, textbooks and supplies.
- Honor the rules and accept the consequences listed in the Ascension Parish Student Handbook.
- Abide by the Ascension Parish and Early College Option standard dress code.
- Remain informed of all Early College Option requirements and policies.
- Behave maturely and respectfully, cooperating with teachers, Early College Option staff, RPCC staff, visitors and peers at all times.
- Act in a safe manner in all school and community environments.

Early College Option Parents are expected to work with Students to:

- Understand the commitment the student and parent have made, and to support his/her efforts in attending Early College.
- Meet with staff if asked for scheduled meetings at each progress report and report card to review student progress.
- Understand that the student who chooses the Early College Option must remain at Early College for at **least one year**.
- Early College Option is part of a college. On college and university campuses, the free exchange of ideas is absolutely mandatory and expected. Understand that students who attend Early College Option will be exposed to, and will be expected to participate in, open exchanges of ideas, discussions, debates, and even class assignments concerning every possible kind of subject matter.

Lack of improvement or growth could result in a student losing his/her placement at Early College Option. The student's parent/guardian will be notified, and a mandatory conference will be scheduled. I understand and agree to the above detailed parent and student expectations.

Student Name (Please Print)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

PARENT CONSIDERATIONS

Parents must read the following and initial next to each paragraph to indicate understanding.

Transportation

____The Ascension Parish School System provides transportation for Early College Option students utilizing transportation provided by the APSB through their normal bus routes. ECO students will report to their home high school bus stop in the morning. When arriving at home high school, will transition to another bus which will take them to RPCC. In the afternoon, bus will take them from RPCC to home high school, and then will transition to regular assigned bus to bring home. (Students also have the option of providing transportation of their own.)

Curriculum

____Early College Option is part of RPCC. On college and university campuses, the free exchange of ideas is mandatory and expected. Censorship of ideas, content or opinions is not supported. For that reason, Early College Option parents must understand that students attending classes at Early College Option and associated classes at River Parish Community College will be exposed to and will be expected to participate in open exchanges of ideas, discussions, debates and class assignments concerning every possible subject matter.

Campus

____Early College is located on the main campus of River Parish Community College. Early College Option students will be on an open-campus with the general public. Security measures, such as the routine screening of visitors, which are typically in place on other Ascension Parish high school campuses, are not in place at Early College Option.

Early College Option Parent Acknowledgement of Uncensored Curriculum

Uncensored Curriculum

Early College is part of a college. Early College Option parents must understand that students attending Early College Option will be exposed to and will be expected to participate in open exchanges of ideas, discussions, debates, and class assignments concerning every possible kind of subject matter. The subject matter may include religion, politics, human sexuality issues, etc. Ideas expressed about these topics may be different from the ideas and teachings they have previously been exposed to and may be contrary to their belief systems or their parents' belief systems. A free flow of ideas and discussions occurs in both the high school and college classrooms and throughout the college environment. Every effort is made to enforce civility, reasonable restraint, courtesy, and tolerance of all ideas, beliefs, and viewpoints, but every Early College Option student will almost assuredly have his or her values and beliefs challenged at various times while enrolled in this program. Students and parents must accept, understand, and agree that the school cannot, and will not, take any measures to censor ideas or opinions generated as a part of the educational program of the high school or the college.

Resource and Internet Access

Access to information resources at River Parish Community College, including the Library and the Internet, is not filtered or blocked like it is at Ascension Parish high schools. Early College Option students are required to make use of these resources

in order to fulfill course requirements, and they may come in contact with materials that would have been screened, censored, or filtered if they were in another Ascension Parish high school.

I understand and agree to allow my student full and complete access to the library, internet, and all other information resources available at the APSB/RPCC Early College Option with no expectation of blocking, filtering, screening or censoring of any kind. Further, I understand that the college environment is one where a completely free academic environment exists and agree to allow my student to fully participate in this environment.

Student Name (Please Print)

Parent Name (Please Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Early College Option Acknowledgement of Monitoring and Supervision

Personal Maturity and Responsibility

Early College Option is unique in that we operate on the River Parish Community College campus with students who are taking both college and high school classes. Students are accepted in Early College Option with the understanding that they will adopt and exhibit a serious attitude towards their classes, their learning, and their academic preparation for college and the workplace. For that reason, Early College Option students must assume a much greater level of personal responsibility for themselves, their safety, and the results of their decisions than other high school students are expected to demonstrate. Parents must support and encourage this as well. This high level of expectations is absolutely mandatory, especially where the next several items are concerned.

Campus Movement: Monitoring and Supervision

A college campus has people coming and going all day at all times. Early College Option students must move around campus from class to class and elsewhere as needed. During extended schedule breaks, meal times, and occasional cancelled classes, students may move around campus on their own. Specific places will be designated where students are expected to be when not otherwise assigned, and we will, of course, exercise reasonable and appropriate levels of supervision and oversight within the limits of our available staff and time. Because every student will eventually have a unique and individual schedule, however, and must therefore come and go around campus at different times to and from different buildings and classrooms, specific continuous monitoring and supervision of all students is impossible. Due to the unique academic environment offered by Early College Option, the school district and its employees are not responsible for student whereabouts or safety when they are not in a scheduled class or school activity, or when they choose to leave campus at a time other than dismissal time as designated by APSB/RPCC Early College Option.

Visitors specific to Early College Option will check in and out of the Early College Option office area of the building, but visitors and students to River Parish Community College will come and go, as is expected on a college campus.

Parents, please discuss this with your students. Please note that it is the student's responsibility, and not the APSB/RPCC Early College Option or River Parish Community College staff or administration's responsibility for individual choices about comings-and-goings around and on-and-off campus, and for choices of whom he or she chooses to associate with, including from whom he or she accepts transportation.

Students who drive themselves or ride with others approved by their parents will be considered as having parental permission to come and go on- and off-campus on their own or with those approved drivers. All students are required to check out if they leave campus before the end of the day.

As a parent of an Early College Option student, I understand that my student will be learning in a unique academic environment and that the APSB and RPCC education systems are not responsible for student whereabouts or safety when not in a scheduled class or school activity, or when students choose to leave campus at a time other than dismissal time as designated by Early College.

Student Name (Please Print)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

At Early College Option, there are many opportunities or circumstances in which a student may be photographed or videotaped. Reasons for photographing and videotaping Ascension Parish School students include:

- Publicity through local newspapers and other publications. Publicity through Ascension Parish School System and River Parish Community College publications.
- Presentation of Ascension Parish School System programs to other public organizations.
- River Parish Community College programs and activities.

**Permission here is assumed, unless a parent/guardian submits, in writing, a request stating otherwise.*

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