

Is Your Child Ready for College-Level Work in High School? If so, consider...

Early College of Forsyth

A new and different high school program for academically motivated students

Your Child's First Two Years of College Can Be FREE!

What is Early College of Forsyth? Early College is a joint program of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and Forsyth Technical Community College. Beginning in the fall of 2008, your child will have the opportunity to complete the requirements for a North Carolina high school diploma and at the same time earn college credits that will lead to early completion of an Associate's degree.

Instead of attending a regular high school, students will take all courses on the main campus of Forsyth Tech. Limited transportation will be provided to students accepted into this innovative program. Tuition is free for all high school and college courses.



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Now enrolling students who will enter 9th Grade in Fall 2008! Application form inside >>>>>>

How will Early College be different from a traditional high school?

Small Classes. By design, Early College classes will be small, with enrollment limited to just 80-100 students per grade level from Grade 9 to Grade 13.

First Two Years of College Tuition-Free. Early College is designed as a four-year program with an optional fifth year to allow students to complete all high school requirements and also complete the two-year Associate's degree. Students who complete the program will receive their high school diploma in four years and can obtain an Associate's degree in the fifth year. With the Associate's degree they will be eligible to transfer to UNC system universities as juniors. These graduates will have completed their first two years of college with no tuition fees.

Students who choose to leave the Early College program after four years instead of five will earn a high school diploma and a College Transfer diploma, which will allow them to enter a university as sophomores.

What degrees can Early College students earn?

Early College students have three options. They may earn an Associate in Art degree, an Associate in Science degree, or an Associate in Applied Science degree.

Associate in Arts degree. Students who choose this degree program will select elective courses in any of 11 pre-majors, including Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Elementary, Middle Grades or Special Education, English, History, Nursing, Physical Education, Psychology, Social Work, and Sociology.

Associate in Science degree. The five pre-majors in this program are Biology and Biology Education, Chemistry and Chemistry Education, Engineering, Mathematics, and Mathematics Education, and students may choose electives from those disciplines.

Associate in Applied Science degree. This program is intended to prepare students to go directly into the workforce.

What kind of students will succeed in Early College?

Early College is for students who are academically able to complete an aggressive, rigorous course of study, and who are able to be successful in college-level courses from Grade 9 forward. Interested students must submit an application and supporting materials, and will be chosen on the basis of academic and other criteria. As much as possible, the student population will

reflect the demographics of the public school system. Serious students whose parents are not college educated are especially encouraged to apply.

Will students earn college credits?

First and second year students will be enrolled in both high school courses and community college courses. Students take dual enrollment classes—courses that earn both high school and college credit—each year. In the third and fourth years, they will take more college courses that earn college credit and are not typically offered in high schools. Students will be able to receive a College Transfer diploma, which is new to the N.C. Community College system, at the end of their fourth year of high school, or receive an Associate's degree at the end of the fifth year.

What is the application process for Early College?

Students interested in applying to Early College must:

- Demonstrate grade-level proficiency on End of Course (EOC) and End of Grade (EOG) tests
- Take the College Placement Test and demonstrate readiness for college-level work
- Have an acceptable school attendance and discipline history
- Complete an application with a writing sample and submit an academic transcript. Grades will be reviewed to determine ability to succeed in college level coursework
- Be interviewed by a committee consisting of the Early College Principal, the Forsyth Tech Liaison and teachers
- Submit three recommendations, one each from a:
 - > School counselor
 - > Teacher *and*
 - > Community representative (not a relative).

What information do students need to submit as part of the Early College application process?

1. Early College Application
2. Writing Sample
3. Transcripts from grades 6, 7, and 8*
4. Attendance Profile*
5. Discipline Profile*
6. Standardized Test and EOG Test scores, percentile and level submitted on a Counselor Required Form.*

**You can obtain this information from your child's middle school counselor.*

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Application must be submitted to the Office of Educational Partnerships,
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Application for Admission

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I, the undersigned student, am applying for acceptance with the Early College of Forsyth and agree to abide by the rules and expectations set by Forsyth Technical Community College and the administrators, school counselors and teachers of the Early College program. I understand that the Early College of Forsyth program will require commitment and effort for a minimum of one year. If at the end of any high school year I am unable or unwilling to continue studies at Forsyth Technical Community College through the Early College program, I will be reassigned to the high school in my attendance zone. I understand that Early College of Forsyth students must adhere to Forsyth Technical Community College and the high school's policies. By signing and submitting this application my parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and I understand that behavior or attendance problems will be sufficient cause to be withdrawn from Early College of Forsyth.

Student Name: _____ Student NCWISE #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number (required by college): _____

How did you hear about Early College of Forsyth? _____

Name of person with whom student lives: _____

Relationship of person with whom student lives: Mother & Father Mother only Mother & Stepfather Father only
 Father and Stepmother Guardian Other (please specify) _____

Did your mother attend college? How many years? _____ Did your father attend college? How many years? _____

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Mother's Place of Work: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Father's Place of Work: _____ Phone: (____) _____

School currently attending: _____

What career do you plan to pursue? _____



Why is Early College of Forsyth the right choice for you? (Attach extra sheet for this Writing Sample and there is a 50-word minimum.)

What problems (personal, social, academic, or disciplinary) have you had in your school experiences? Be specific.

Do you consider yourself a mature candidate for the early college program? Why/why not? Defend your answer.

Three References Required. One reference should be from your school counselor, one from a staff member or teacher at your current school. The third reference should be someone who can speak to your character traits within the community. (Do not list family members.)

Reference #1: Name _____
Address _____
Phone (_____) _____

Reference #2: Name _____
Address _____
Phone (_____) _____

Reference #3: Name _____
Address _____
Phone (_____) _____

Sign below if you agree to the following:

- I understand that my commitment to Early College of Forsyth is for at least one full academic year.
- I expect to complete a two year degree program while at Early College of Forsyth.
- I believe I am able to complete the College Prep Course of Study.
- I will maintain high academic and behavior standards.
- I understand there are no athletic or ROTC programs and only limited student/advisor formed clubs.
- I understand that the Early College of Forsyth will operate on a modified Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools/Forsyth Tech Calendar.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE REQUIRED TO PROCESS:

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____

Principal/Designee: _____ Date: _____

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Student is recommended for Early College of Forsyth _____ Yes _____ No Student is # _____ on the waiting list for Early College of Forsyth.