

Our Vision:

Southeastern Early College High School is a safe, secure and stimulating environment that is conducive to learning. All students at SEC will become proficient in 21st Century Skills. Graduates will be college-ready and possess critical thinking skills, academic knowledge, communication skills, professional skills, technological skills, and healthy habits.

How Do I Enroll?

Southeastern Early College is a joint venture of Columbus County Schools and Southeastern Community College. Applications for admission are available at all local public middle schools as well as at the SEC office in room A-224 on the SCC campus.

Any student who will be in the ninth grade in the fall of 2010 may apply. The student body will be representative of the diversity of Columbus County, but special attention is paid to recruiting first generation college students.

Applications must be completed and returned along with references by March 18, 2010. Then each potential candidate will be expected to visit the SCC campus along with his or her parents in order to determine if Early College would be the best educational environment to reach his goals. Students can expect to receive notification of their acceptance by the middle of May and will then need to be prepared to attend Freshman "boot camp" for a week in July.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **Busing** • Free transportation is available as long as enrolled.
2. **Meals** • school lunch is provided.
3. **Uniforms** • Students are required on most days to wear a college I.D. and also a polo shirt identifying them as part of our school.
4. **Calendar/Schedule** • SEC runs on a different schedule than the other public schools in order to allow students to take college courses. We begin the first week in August and end the middle of May. Our day starts later too-at 9:15 am.
5. **Can I still do sports, JROTC or band at the "big high school."** When a student comes to SEC, he or she is no longer a student at the other high school and can not participate in their extracurricular activities. Of course, you can still go to their games and public events !
6. **Yes, it is hard!** Students report that it takes a lot of organization and dedication to do well at SEC, however, you do not have to be super smart. Our school is great at reaching kids at their current level and helping them move forward, but they have to want it!
7. **How do I enroll?** Our student ambassadors will go to each middle school in Columbus County in January and talk to 8th graders. They will pass out applications at that time that will explain everything.
8. **Can someone who is already in high school transfer to SEC?** No. We are sorry, but the only time to enroll is prior to the 9th grade.



Southeastern Early College High School

Where Parents are
Partners and every
student IS college-ready!

SECHS is a community of students, teachers, staff, parents, and other stakeholders working together to instill skills crucial to success in the 21st Century.

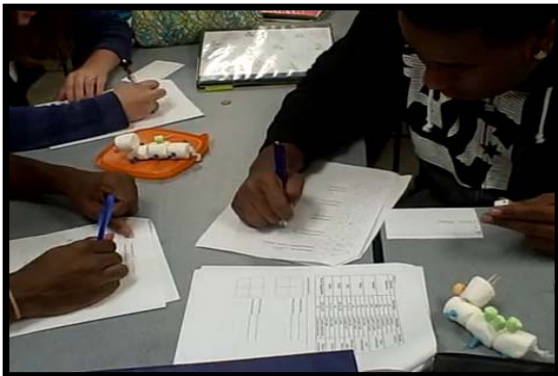
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The Need

Public education in North Carolina continues to make remarkable strides. However, we still have a long way to go. Our children are not completing high school in four years and for too many, not at all. Out of those who gain their diploma, few finish college.

There is little opportunity available for people who lack a college education. Ten years ago, the School Redesign Network reported that high school graduates had less than a 50% chance of getting a job. That figure dropped to 25% for African American graduates. Wages are increasing only for those with a college education. Lack of education is linked to incarceration and dependence on welfare.

In response to our educational needs, North Carolina and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation formed a partnership to encourage change in our high schools. This goal led to the creation of Southeastern Early College High School. At SECHS, Columbus County students earn a two year college degree along with their high school diploma in five years.



Students involved in Biology Project



Students Job Shadowing at the Board of Education

A Different Kind of School



Student Shadowing with Vet

The new 3 R's of education are Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships, and SEC is majoring in all three! Our students are involved in service learning, field trips, project-based learning, and job shadowing co-ops. Each student is

assigned a mentor to guide him through this important transition, and Parents are Partners at SEC, serving as volunteers and helping to make decisions regarding their child's future.

Extra Curricular Activities

Although the Early College does not have an athletic program or JROTC, students do take a variety of college P.E. courses such as lifetime sports, weight training, yoga, softball, and even golf, archery, or bowling!

In addition, we have many clubs and school activities such as dances and overnight field trips. Finally, our students can study music (voice piano, guitar, woodwinds, strings, community band, and choir) with college professors and all at no cost!

At Southeastern Early College we believe:

- ◆ All of our students must be college-ready critical thinkers to compete in a global economy.
- ◆ All of our curriculum and instruction must be purposeful, researched based, and of the highest quality.
- ◆ Each student has individual needs and can make unique contributions.
- ◆ High expectations of respect, honesty, and responsibility promote student achievement.
- ◆ A safe, supportive, and orderly school environment supports learning.
- ◆ Character education is paramount to student development.
- ◆ Diversity is recognized and respected.
- ◆ Well-rounded students participate in academic and extracurricular activities.
- ◆ Schools are interdependent with parents and the community.
- ◆ Educators are valued professionals.



School Trip to Washington D.C.