ECC EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

SUPPORTING AN ECA STUDENT



COLLEGE LEVEL WORK

College is tough. If it wasn't, everyone would have a college degree! Instructors expect students to ask questions for clarification, study for tests in advance, and polish papers before turning them in. Students should not expect retakes nor extra credit.

LEARNING LEAPS

Students are meeting diverse people, taking in a large amounts of new information, and working to organize their own thoughts. It is important to note that college instructors have "academic freedom," which means they are free to teach from all perspectives and about all topics. Your students may engage you in unfamiliar topics to help them process it all.





ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Sometimes, students downplay difficulties because they don't want anyone to be disappointed. Regular, open communication with your student is vital. Supporters are discouraged from contacting instructors directly, as students are viewed as adults in the classroom. However, named supporters in the FERPA release can communicate freely with ECA Advisors.

STUDY TIME & SPACE

Students will only be in class for around 15 hours per week. However, they will spend an additional 30-45 hours doing homework, engaging in group work, and attending study sessions. Successful students build a routine and have a dedicated study space.





EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

ECA students are embarking on an experience that may challenge their confidence and sense of self, which is difficult at this age. Students need to be able to vent, problem solve, and celebrate with their ECC Team and supporters at home. Students who need counseling, beyond academic-related guidance, will be referred to their high school counselor or other community resources, due to age.

COST CONSIDERATIONS

Students who do not earn a C or better in their coursework will be responsible for paying back their respective school districts for the tuition and book costs incurred, as well as fees waived by ECC. During the 2021-2022 year, the tuition, fees, and books were approximately \$500.00 per course, at the dual enrollment rate.

