



ALEXIS I. DU PONT HIGH SCHOOL

50 Hillside Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19807
Phone: (302) 651-2626
Fax: (302) 651-2757

Kevin Palladinetti
Principal

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Phone Number: _____

Applicant Email Address: _____

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

For the Student/Guardian*:

1. Prior to completing the Early College Academy application, you **MUST** complete the following steps:

A.I. du Pont High School Feeder Students	Choice Students
Step 1: Visit http://www.schoolchoicede.org/ and select AIHS Early College Academy (ECA) from the drop down menu.	Step 1: Visit http://www.schoolchoicede.org/ and fill out a Choice application, and Step 2: Select AIHS Early College Academy (ECA) from the drop down menu.

***** The Choice Application shall NOT be submitted to the ECA. Failure to follow the proper Choice Application guidelines will jeopardize the applicant's acceptance into the ECA. *****

2. Fill out applicant name, phone number, and email address in header of ALL pages of document. This will allow us to contact you regardless of the completion status of the application.
3. Give the signed School Information Release Form and the School Counselor Checklist to your counselor.
4. Distribute recommendation forms to the following: school counselor, administrator, and two (2) core content teachers of your choice (English, math, social studies, or science). You will distribute a total of four (4) forms.
5. Complete the Student Application. It must be typed or legibly completed in only blue or black ink.
6. Type a response to the writing prompt. Carefully follow the directions for the Student Writing Sample. This must be student work, completed by the student.
7. Sign, date, and return the Commitment Contract (along with the Student Application and the Student Writing Sample).

*Review the Student/Guardian Checklist. It is the student's sole responsibility to ensure that all items are distributed and returned in order to be mailed on time.

Both the student and the school counselor's components of the application **MUST** be submitted to Alexis. I. du Pont High School, in person or post marked, by **Friday, January 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.** **Applications will not be processed until all required information is received. If applications are received after the assigned deadline, they will be processed as seats become available.**

ATTN: The Early College Academy
Alexis I. du Pont High School
50 Hillside Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19807

Application questions can be directed to Laura Fitzgerald, school counselor, at 302-651-2626 ext. 145.

PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT TO THE ECA WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON REVIEW OF STUDENT'S SECOND SEMESTER TRANSCRIPT, ATTENDANCE RECORD, AND DISCIPLINARY RECORD.



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For the School Counselor:

1. Counselor shall receive a signed School Information Release Form from the applicant.
2. The school counselor will submit the following seven (7) items in a sealed envelope directly to The Early College Academy [ECA] and not to the applicant or applicant's family: *final report cards from both sixth (6th) and seventh (7th) grade, current eighth (8th) grade report card, test scores, discipline record, attendance record, and school counselor recommendation form (provided by the student)*. Refer to the School Counselor Checklist.
3. **The school counselor will submit all information to Alexis I. du Pont High School [AIHS] by Friday, January 13, 2017.** Refer to the address below.

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STUDENT/GUARDIAN CHECKLIST

- ☐ 1. Completed and submitted the Choice Application found at www.redclayschools.com by January 13, 2017 (for those whose feeder high school is not AIHS).
***** The Choice Application shall not be submitted to the ECA. *****
(Failure to follow the proper Choice Application guidelines will jeopardize your acceptance into the ECA.)
- ☐ 2. Filled out applicant information in header of EVERY page.
- ☐ 3. Provided my school counselor with the signed School Information Release Form, the School Counselor Checklist, and the School Counselor Recommendation Form.
- ☐ 4. Provided Recommendation Forms to the following people: an administrator and two (2) core content teachers (English, math, social studies, or science).
- ☐ 5. Completed The Early College Academy Student Application.
- ☐ 6. Completed the typed Student Writing Sample.
- ☐ 7. Completed the Student/Guardian Commitment Contract.

PRIORITIZED ORDER OF COMPLETION:

- Item 1 above (Choice Application) MUST BE COMPLETED before any other step in the ECA application process.
- Items 2, 3, and 4 above must be completed IMMEDIATELY upon starting the application.
- Items 5, 6, and 7 above must be submitted by **Friday, January 13, 2017*** to:

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SCHOOL INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND SENT TO THE PROPER MIDDLE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

_____ (full name of student) is applying to The Early College Academy at Alexis I. du Pont High School. In order to be considered for admission, grade information from grade six (6) to the present, attendance records, discipline records, and testing records must be provided. Please send a copy of all required items to the following location.

ATTN: The Early College Academy
Alexis I. du Pont High School
50 Hillside Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19807

Sincerely,

The Early College Academy Selection Committee

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF SCHOOL INFORMATION

I hereby authorize the Chief School Officer of:

(Name of School) (City) Delaware
(State)

to release a copy of _____'s records.
(Student's Name)

(Signature of Guardian)

(Date)

(Printed name Guardian)

(Date)



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SCHOOL COUNSELOR CHECKLIST

Student Name: _____
(please print)

School: _____
(please print)

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE COMPLETED AFTER RECEIVING A SIGNED SCHOOL INFORMATION RELEASE FORM FROM THE APPLICANT.

THIS INFORMATION (ITEMS 1–7) IS TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE ECA AND NOT RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT OR THE APPLICANT’S FAMILY.

- ☐ 1. Sixth (6th) grade Report Card
- ☐ 2. Seventh (7th) grade Report Card
- ☐ 3. Current eighth (8th) grade Report Card
- ☐ 4. Delaware State Testing Records (if applicable)
- ☐ 5. Discipline Record
- ☐ 6. Attendance Record
- ☐ 7. School Counselor Recommendation

► Please return items 1 – 7 in a sealed envelope by **Friday, January 13, 2017*** to:

ATTN: The Early College Academy
Alexis I. du Pont High School
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or

District Mail
Alexis I. du Pont High School
ATTN: Laura Fitzgerald

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Confidential Student Recommendation Form: SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Student Name: _____ **Middle School:** _____

The ECA is requesting that you provide an accurate/honest assessment of this student's suitability as a participant in this demanding program. **Feel free to utilize the space on the back of this form for any additional comments.** We rely heavily on your recommendation. Thank you.

Characteristics	Outstanding	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Learning Ability						
Initiative						
Growth Potential						
Ability to Work with Others						
Motivation						
Maturity						
Integrity						
Leadership						
Judgment						
Self-Confidence						
Oral Communication Skills						
Written Communication Skills						
OVERALL RECOMMENDATION						

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

How does this student demonstrate that he/she is prepared to meet the requirements of high school honors classes and college coursework?

* Utilize the back of this form for additional comments and clarification.

Evaluator's Name

Date

Title

School

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The Early College Academy at Alexis I. du Pont High School Confidential Student Recommendation Form: ADMINISTRATOR

Student Name: _____ **Middle School:** _____

The ECA is requesting that you provide an accurate/honest assessment of this student's suitability as a participant in this demanding program. **Feel free to utilize the space on the back of this form for any additional comments.** We rely heavily on your recommendation. Thank you.

Student's Overall Behavior:

Student Attendance:

Student Discipline Record:

Student Involvement in School:

Additional Comments:

Evaluator's Name and Title

Date

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The Early College Academy at Alexis I. du Pont High School
Confidential Student Recommendation Form: ENGLISH TEACHER

Student Name: _____ **Middle School:** _____

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Written Communication Skills						
OVERALL RECOMMENDATION						

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

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Confidential Student Recommendation Form: MATH TEACHER

Student Name: _____ **Middle School:** _____

The ECA is requesting that you provide an accurate/honest assessment of this student's suitability as a participant in this demanding program. **Feel free to utilize the space on the back of this form for any additional comments.** We rely heavily on your recommendation. Thank you.

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OVERALL RECOMMENDATION						

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Student Name: _____ Middle School: _____

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OVERALL RECOMMENDATION						

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Evaluator's Name

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Confidential Student Recommendation Form: SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Student Name: _____ **Middle School:** _____

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STUDENT APPLICATION (PAGE 1 OF 2): STUDENT INFORMATION

Please **type** or **print** all information. Falsification of any information on this application may result in dismissal from the program.

1. Student Name: _____
Last First MI Suffix

2. Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: Delaware Zip Code: _____

3. Telephone Number: (____) _____

4. Student email address: _____

5. Student School Identification Number _____

6. Student Date of Birth: _____
(month/date/year)

7. Student Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

8. Current School: _____

9. Current Feeder High School: _____

10. Ethnicity: _____ American Indian or Alaskan Native _____ Asian American
(mark one) _____ Black or African American _____ Hispanic or Latino
_____ White or Caucasian _____ Multi-racial
_____ Other _____ Prefer not to respond

11. I will be a first generation college student (circle one) YES NO

Student Signature

Date

Mother/Female Guardian Signature

Date

Father/Male Guardian Signature

Date



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STUDENT APPLICATION (PAGE 2 OF 2): GUARDIAN INFORMATION

1. Guardian 1 Name: _____

Highest Grade Completed: _____ Grade School _____ High School _____ Associate's Degree
 _____ Bachelor Degree _____ Master's/PhD

2. Guardian 1 Email Address: _____

3. Guardian 1 Telephone Number: (____) _____ (Circle one: Home, Work, Cell)

4. Guardian 2 Name: _____

Highest Grade Completed: _____ Grade School _____ High School _____ Associate's Degree
 _____ Bachelor Degree _____ Master's/PhD

5. Guardian 2 Email Address: _____

6. Guardian 2 Telephone Number: (____) _____ (Circle one: Home, Work, Cell)

7. My parent/guardian is employed by Red Clay Consolidated School District or Wilmington University:

8. Guardian 1: YES NO If yes, employed where?: _____ position? _____
 (circle one)

9. Guardian 2: YES NO If yes, employed where?: _____ position? _____
 (circle one)

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THE EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY at Alexis I. du Pont High School

STUDENT WRITING SAMPLE

To the student applicant:

1. Please respond to the writing prompt below.
2. Your writing sample should be a letter to the committee, written in **five (5) paragraphs**.
3. You will submit your work in typewritten form.
4. **All work must be your own.**

PAPER DESIGN:

Margins: 0.5" (top, bottom, left, right)
Font: Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri
Font Size: 12 Pt.
Spacing: Single-Space paragraphs
Double-space between paragraphs

The paper **MUST** be typed.
Do not write out the prompt.

Top Left Corner: Your Name
Date
Name of Middle School

GRADING CRITERIA:

Purpose: We want to know who you are as a writer, as a student, and as a person through your response to the writing prompt.

The rubric (grading tool) for this paper assess:

1. **Grammar/Usage**
 - Did your response reflect correct spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure?
2. **Organization**
 - Did your response reflect well-organized thoughts in a clear structure?
3. **Content**
 - Did you answer all parts of the question?
 - Did you include a separate idea in each body paragraph, for a total of three ideas?

Prompt: One spot remains at The Early College Academy at Alexis I. du Pont High School. The selection committee is considering you and another student. Write a persuasive letter to the selection committee, giving supportive evidence as to why the committee should select you over the other candidate.



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THE EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY at Alexis I. du Pont High School COMMITMENT CONTRACT

We, _____, _____, and
(parent/guardian) (parent/guardian)

_____ agree to adhere to the following contractual rules,
(student)

guidelines, responsibilities and expectations to be a successful parent/guardian for my student attending the Early College Academy [ECA] at Alexis I. du Pont High School [AIHS]. Failure to follow/meet the following may result in dismissal from the ECA at AIHS.

- All Red Clay Consolidated School District [RCCSD] Choice protocol and deadlines, found at www.redclayschools.com, must be accessed and followed if the student's current feeder high school is not AIHS;
- All Academic and Code of Conduct rules established by the ECA, AIHS, RCCSD, and Wilmington University must be followed at all times;
- ECA students will follow a calendar slightly different from RCCSD public schools;
- Academic requirements of both the ECA at AIHS must be fulfilled;
- Select courses may require additional testing in order to qualify for college credit;
- ECA students will be on a university campus and will be interacting with university faculty, staff and students;
- ECA students will be placed in Wilmington University classes based on academic progress in high school courses
- Tuition for any college class a student may drop or fail will be billed directly to the parent/ guardians; and
- All of the following expectations must be fulfilled. Students shall:
 - Maintain at least a 93% attendance rate;
 - Maintain a minimum of a "C" or better in all academic courses (2.0 GPA);
 - Participate in any and all intervention strategies that are recommended to meet the academic standards;
 - Complete all district and state requirements for high school graduation;
 - Take additional required testing, as needed;
 - Demonstrate ethical, moral, and responsible behavior that promotes the integrity of the program; and
 - Pursue a college degree.

Student Signature

Date

Guardian 1 Signature

Date

Guardian 2 Signature

Date