



MAYLAND EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Timberwolves

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A collaborative effort between the Mitchell, Avery and Yancey County Schools and Mayland Community College opens the doors of a new high school...Mayland Early College High School. The freshman class will concentrate on personal responsibility and leadership as well as academic achievement that will culminate in a high school diploma AND Associate in Arts degree at the completion of a five year commitment.

The goal of the Mayland Early College High School (MECHS) admission process is to select and admit a diverse group of academically capable students who have a genuine interest in the pursuit of this unique and rigorous program. All students will be evaluated based on specific admissions criteria outlined and approved by the Department of Instruction and the News Schools Project. Prospective students complete the application process in full, interview before a selection team, meet college requirements to enter college coursework and commit to the program. It is necessary for students to be mature enough to handle a collegiate setting and capable of managing college-level coursework.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What kind of school is Mayland Early College High School?

Mayland Early College High School provides a personalized learning environment to create a seamless curriculum between high school and college, and provides work-based experiences to students through rigorous, relevant and responsive instruction emphasizing relationships and leadership development.

Where is MECHS located?

MECHS is located on the main campus of Mayland Community College. Our main office and high school classrooms are located on the ground floor of the Phillips Building. We are currently looking for more space on campus so we can grow.

Who teaches the students at MECHS?

High school teachers teach high school courses, and college instructors teach college courses in college classrooms.

Who is eligible to apply for the 2010-2011 school year?

MECHS representatives are currently making visits to all area middle schools in Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties. We only accept rising freshmen into our program. There is an application process as well as an interview process applicants must go through.

Approximately forty new students will be selected for the upcoming school year. For more information, contact the MECHS at 828 765 7351, ext. 301.

Is the Early College similar to a regular high school?

Yes and no. Our school’s primary role is to personalize learning and instruction. Teachers and students are leaders and will have broad decision-making responsibilities as the school continues to develop. MECHS also puts into place the necessary bridges and support to ensure student success, both as high school students as well as college students. High school students will receive FREE college tuition and will have the opportunity to complete BOTH a high school diploma AND a two year degree within five years.

How will 9th graders be kept safe on a college campus?

First, Mayland Community College already is a safe environment with an excellent security staff. Second, the early college staff has safety of its students as its first priority. Once students are selected, parents/guardians, students, high school and college staff will meet to determine responsibilities for student safety. Plans have been made for 9th graders to be supervised on the college campus and remain a “cohort” until their 10th grade year.

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