

East Lake Collegiate

Frequently Asked Questions (1-28-19 Update)

As this is a new program and we're still working to build out exactly what everything is going to look like. Below are a number of common questions we hope will be useful as you consider East Lake Collegiate as an academic program for your student(s)

1) What is the Application Process?

Students will be asked to:

- a) Meet all testing requirements (PERT, ACT, SAT) as required for SPC application
- b) Complete an application to St. Petersburg College
- c) Obtain a St. Petersburg College student ID number and then complete an internal application for ELHS Collegiate

2) How many students will be admitted? How will the students be chosen?

Students demonstrated academic integrity and excellence, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 have been invited to submit an application.

Students will be selected by Lottery for participation in the ELHS Collegiate program.

The exact number of students enrolled in the first year cohort will be determined by a number of factors to include the school's 2019-20 staffing model and teacher credentialing.

3) What does this mean for 9th, 10th, 11th grade students?

9th Grade students selected will become part of the Pre-Collegiate Program.

10th Grade students selected will become part of the Pre-Collegiate Program.

11th Grade students will become the first year Collegiate Program cohort.

12th Grade students will remain eligible, as always, for DE, Early College and other online courses.

4) Academies and Collegiate: Can my student still be a part of her/his academy?

The aim of the ELHS Collegiate Program is to provide opportunities for students to remain immersed in the high school experience. This will include ongoing participation in the chosen academy through individualized scheduling with the school counselor/academic advisor.

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Students will remain eligible for the athletics, extra-curricular activities, clubs, field trips, and the performing arts.

5) What will a typical schedule look like?

Individual schedules will vary based on the chosen academy, the number of college credits the individual student wishes to work towards, and the courses offered each semester.

An accelerated schedule may include:

1 English Class	at the honors, AP level or Dual Enrollment Level
1 Science Class	at the honors, AP level or Dual Enrollment Level
1 Math Class	at the honors, AP level
1 Social Studies Class	at the regular, honors, or AP level
1 Academy Elective Course	Determined by Grade Level and Academy
1 Speech, Humanities, or Ethics	as required towards desired college program
1 Elective	as determined by graduation requirements

Schedules will vary as students work towards the desired number of credits in grades 9-12.

Communications - 9 Credits

Humanities - 6 Credits

College Math - 6 Credits

Ethics - 3 Credits

Social and Behavioral Science - 6 Credits

Natural Science - 6 Credits

Enhanced World View - 2 Years of Foreign Language

Elective Course Work - An additional 24 credits are required to work towards and AA with SPC

6) When can my student get a schedule?

Students selected for the Collegiate Program will have the opportunity to attend an Information/Scheduling Session in May.

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Students will then have a 1:1 Academic Advising Session with a Guidance Counselor to select the courses that best align to high school graduation requirements and the desired college pathway. Individual sessions are expected to begin in late July and be completed prior to the start of the 2019-20 Academic school year.

7) What are the minimum standards to remain in the Collegiate Program?

Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above and

- a) earn a grade of C or better in all Dual Enrollment and AP courses
- b) Students that earn a D or an F in a course may not progress until the course has been recovered with a grade of C or better.
- c) Students that earn a D or an F in two (2) consecutive semesters may be dismissed from the Collegiate Program

8) Timeline?

March 18	Application due to St. Petersburg College
Week of March 18-22	Application Cards due to ELHS Guidance Office
March 22	ELHS Internal Application due on or before March 22
April 5	Initial Acceptance Window
April 19	Supporting Documents due to ELHS Collegiate Office
April 26	Final Acceptance Window for Cohort 1
May 3	Information Session Cohort 1
July 15-19	Begin Academic Advising 1:1 Sessions

9) Is it possible to take just a few college credit classes in the collegiate academy or do you have to do all the courses and earn an AA?

Our goal is to make our on campus dual-enrollment and advanced placement courses as accessible as possible to all of our students, whether they are working directly towards an AA degree, or just trying to “Get their feet wet” with advanced coursework. If your student wants to take the advanced coursework, we will do everything we can to make that happen.

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10) Do I have to be an ELHS student?

Yes-the Collegiate Program is intended for students currently enrolled at ELHS.

11) Can I still take online classes?

Yes-online classwork is still required for high school graduation

12) Cost(s)?

Expected to be free of cost at this time

13) What happens if my student passes an AP class but not the AP exam?

Our pass rates are generally outstanding. Students will earn credit for the class at the high school level, and may have the opportunity to retake the AP exam at a later date.

14) How will my student earn an AA or college credit?

This program is intended to provide opportunities for students to take an accelerated course load and earn up to 60 college credits. Many of the courses will be offered and registered with St. Petersburg College. AP courses and the associated credits will be reviewed by the student's chosen University.

15) Next Steps:

Tonight is an informational meeting intended to assess the interest of the academic community for our new Collegiate Program.

We will schedule a meeting to discuss the application process in the coming weeks.

16) Financial Aid-4 Year Colleges. Will my student still qualify?

Florida Prepaid-Can apply credits towards graduate degree at the undergraduate rate

Bright Futures-Students are still eligible to receive Bright Futures awards

*It is highly recommend that you contact Bright Futures, Florida Prepaid, and the college or university of your choice to get the most accurate information pertaining to your student.

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17) Is the Collegiate Program all or nothing?

Students will develop an individualized pathway with the Guidance Counselor. Some students will take a full course load, while others will choose to take a more balanced schedule.

There are no mandatory minimums at this time. Students will have the flexibility to develop their schedules in accordance with graduation requirements, Pathways, and university goals.

18) What universities will acknowledge an AA?

Contact the university/college of your choice for the most accurate information.

The Florida University system will recognize an AA and guarantee admission to a minimum of one (1) of the 11 state universities. The AA does not guarantee admission into any and/or all of the 11 universities.

19) AA or AS degree?

The Collegiate Program is an extension of Pinellas County School's cooperative agreement with St. Petersburg College. The agreement allows students to work towards an AA degree free of cost. The program does not guarantee an AA degree, and the majority of students will not earn an AA. Students will accumulate AP and Dual Enrollment credits that will enhance their university applications, increase the application competitiveness, and challenge students to work through rigorous course work.

20) Some classes are ½ weighted, some are full. Are AA class full weighted?

Dual Enrollment courses are expected to be full weighted courses.

21) Can you still qualify for Valedictorian or Salutatorian?

No. Not at this time.

22) Can the credit be denied by the college?

Contact the college/university of your choice to discuss the specific courses requirements, and the standards utilized in making those determinations. Additional information can be found at

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

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23) How do colleges accept courses such as dual enrollment, AP, or collegiate. Are some more preferred by the colleges?

Visit <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org> or the college/university of your choice for school specific information.

24) Do student have to be in this program to take AP or dual enrollment courses?

No. Students may still take AP and DE courses at East Lake HS and SPC.

25) What is the difference between the Collegiate Program and Early College?

Early College students will attend a full time schedule at SPC with the expectation that they will earn an AA simultaneously with a high school diploma.

The Collegiate Program is intended to offer a more flexible schedule, the opportunity to participate in the high school experience, and a varied pathway and level of rigor based on individual student preference.

26) Will my student be automatically selected if she/he meets the academic requirements?

No. The Collegiate Program will use a lottery system to determine enrollment.

27) Will scheduling conflicts result in my student not being able to take performing arts, AP, or other traditional courses?

No. The Collegiate Program will draw only from ELHS students. We will not introduce new students to our campus, and will develop the master schedule and complete scheduling as we always have. Students in academies will be scheduled into their electives, and students will also be scheduled into the core courses required for graduation.

The condition that electives cannot be guaranteed remains unchanged.