



HAYWOOD EARLY COLLEGE

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Dear 8th Grade Students and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Haywood Early College. We are extremely proud of our students' dedication to their academic endeavors as well as our faculty's commitment to providing a top notch, rigorous program of studies. HEC is proud to announce we have been nominated for the 2018 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing Schools award. North Carolina is invited to nominate nine high performing schools each year. It is a privilege for us to be considered for this prestigious award. We look forward to this continued success with our incoming freshmen as we embark on the new recruitment season.

As you begin the application process, we would like to provide you with an overview of the HEC experience. HEC students begin their high school career with the intentions of earning an average of two years of transferable college credit as well as their high school diploma. While this may seem unattainable to most eighth grade students we feel strongly that students who are willing to work diligently and accept the multiple supports available will be successful. Our staff is committed to fostering a supportive environment in which students not only are comfortable to challenge themselves individually, but also collaborate with one another and their instructors. Field trips and college campus visits are made available to students to broaden their overall learning experience.

HEC Quick Facts:

- student/teacher ratio: 15:1
- 1:1 iPad program for all freshmen
- honors level high school courses
- associate degrees offered in Arts and Science
- 4-5 year program
- No costs to student (valued at \$5000 tuition + \$3000 textbooks)

We challenge prospective students to ask themselves if they are ready to work as an honors level student, engage in non-traditional learning activities, and commit to earning both a high school diploma and associate degree. Applications are available online or in our front office and are due to Haywood Early College by Thursday, March 8th and may be submitted using one of the following methods:

USPS: 185 Freedlander Drive, Clyde, NC 28721

Email: lorifox@haywood.k12.nc.us OR aplawing@haywood.edu

Fax: 828.627.4555

or by bringing by the HEC main office.

Thank you for your interest in Haywood Early College. For more information, please see enclosed FAQ sheet and visit our website. If you have further questions, please contact us at 828.565.4000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Fox".

Lori Fox, Principal



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Name _____ School _____

The goal of the Haywood Early College (HEC) admissions process is to select and admit a diverse group of students who have a genuine interest in the pursuit of this unique and rigorous program. The selected student population will closely reflect the diversity of Haywood County. Before completing the application, review the following information. If you have any questions, please call us at 565.4000.

Is HEC the right place for you?

- Students commit to completing a high school diploma and a college transfer associate degree.
- All high school classes are taught as honors level courses.
- Students begin college transfer courses in the ninth grade.
- Students often work in teams on projects and presentations.
- Students participate in off-campus learning activities; participation is required.
- Students commit to excellent attendance and arriving to school on time.
- College courses require the same expectations, content, and levels of rigor for HEC students as for traditional college students.
- College courses have no excused absences. Once absences exceed the mandated number, students are dropped from the college course and do not receive credit for the course.
- Cost of college textbooks is covered by Haywood Early College.
- Students are not eligible to participate in their district high school athletic programs, band, chorus, or ROTC programs.
- Students failing to meet standards for academic progress at HEC and/or HCC will be considered for an alternative pathway for graduation.

Commitment Statement: We understand and accept the above information as it may apply to our son or daughter. We understand that Haywood Early College requires a substantial commitment and that signing this document is an agreement of commitment to this program. We also understand that if our son/daughter decides that he/she does not want to continue in the program, we must wait until the end of the first year at HEC to discuss transfer options.

We understand that HEC students are subject to all applicable policies set forth by Haywood County Schools and Haywood Community College.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to be an honor student to attend HEC?

No. HEC accepts students from all academic levels; however, students must be committed to honors level coursework.

Can I take any college course that I choose?

No. Students must enroll in classes (according to the academic plan) that count toward a college transfer associate.

Can I participate in athletics?

No. Students are not eligible to compete in athletics at other Haywood County schools.

Can I participate in band, chorus, or ROTC?

No. These activities involve specific high school classes and are not available at HEC.

Can I take driver's education at HEC?

Yes. Classes are available at Pisgah High School and Tuscola High School (depending on student's home district) and students will complete the driving portion at Haywood Early College.

Can I try HEC out for a few weeks and then transfer if I don't like it?

No. There is no trial period. Students must complete their first year before a transfer will be considered.

Do I have to be a car rider if I attend HEC?

No. Bus transportation is provided by Haywood County Schools.

Does it matter in which part of Haywood County I live?

No. HEC represents the geographic diversity of Haywood County.

Does HEC follow the traditional school calendar?

No. HEC has its own calendar that aligns with Haywood Community College. This calendar can be found on the HEC website.

What time does the HEC school day begin and end?

The school day currently begins at 8:30am and ends at 2:20pm.

Are student life opportunities available?

Yes. HEC has several school sponsored clubs and events (fall dance, spring prom). Haywood Community College also welcomes HEC students to participate in campus-wide student events.

2018 HEC STUDENT APPLICATION

PART A: STUDENT INFORMATION FORM - Information must be printed in ink by the student.

Student Name: _____
Last
First
Middle
Preferred

Gender (circle one): Male / Female **Birth Date:** _____ **Student Number:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Student Cell Phone:** _____ **Current School:** _____

Resides with: _____
Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Relationship (circle one):
 Mother / Father Mother / Stepfather Father / Stepmother Mother only Father only Other: _____

Siblings:
 Name: _____ School: _____ // Name: _____ School: _____

Name: _____ School: _____ // Name: _____ School: _____

Mailing Address: _____
City
State
Zip

Street Address: _____
City
State
Zip

Language spoken at home: _____ **Ethnicity** (circle one): Hispanic OR Not Hispanic

Race: _____ American Indian / Alaskan Native _____ Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
 _____ Asian _____ White
 _____ Black / African American _____ Other: _____

Please rate yourself on the following characteristics:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unsatisfactory
Character					
Initiative					
Motivation					
Dependability					
Judgment					
Honesty					
Patience					
Cooperation					
Attitude toward work					

Attitude toward peers					
Attitude toward teachers					

STUDENT QUESTIONS - Information must be printed in ink by the student. You may use the back of this page or attach additional sheets if necessary.

If you could have dinner with three people, who would it be and why?

How did you hear about our program, and how did it influence you to apply?

Is there something else you would like for us to know about you that isn't reflected on this application?

If you have been absent more than seven days in a school year AND/OR you have received in-school or out-of-school suspension while you were in middle school, please explain below. (You may write on the back of this sheet if needed).

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PART B: PARENT INFORMATION FORM

Information must be printed in ink by the parent/guardian.

Mother or Guardian Name: _____
First Maiden / Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip

Street Address: _____
City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____

Education (please check highest level earned):

☐ Did not graduate high school ☐ GED ☐ High School Graduate ☐ Some College ☐ Associate

Degree Graduate ☐ Bachelor's Degree Graduate ☐ Advanced Degree ☐ Other: _____

Father or Guardian Name: _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip

Street Address: _____
City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____

Education (please check highest level earned):

☐ Did not graduate high school ☐ GED ☐ High School Graduate ☐ Some College ☐ Associate

Degree Graduate ___ Bachelor's Degree Graduate ___ Advanced Degree ___ Other: _____

Why would you like your student to attend Haywood Early College?

Haywood Early College will receive middle school data including grades, EOG scores, attendance records and disciplinary information.

Please return completed Commitment Statement, Part A and Part B to Haywood Early College by Thursday, March 8, 2018. Please submit using one of the following methods:

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Deliver to HEC Main Office located in the 400 Building on HCC's campus