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Dear 8th Grade Students and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Caldwell Early College High School. Before you begin the application process, we would like to share several important facts regarding our school. Our expectation is for CECHS graduates to attend a college or university to complete a bachelor's degree. This means we are looking for students who are committed to completing a college degree. You may not know how to be a successful college student right now, but if you are willing to work hard, we know how to support you every step of the way! CECHS graduates earn an average of two years of transferable college credit and have attended over 40 universities in 11 different states.

While attending CECHS, you will be enrolled in CCC&TI college transfer courses in every grade, every semester, following a carefully crafted plan to help you complete your associate degree. CECHS integrates college readiness experiences into our curriculum throughout the program. Examples include:

- honors level coursework
- preparing for college placement tests (SAT, ACT, RISE)
- multiple university visits
- academic supports for high school and college courses
- college and career research and planning
- completing college and financial aid applications
- planning for completion of a bachelor's degree

At CECHS, we value positive relationships, excellent communication skills, and community service. Our staff is committed to creating a caring and supportive environment in which students work together in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect. CECHS students become skilled at working and learning in groups and presenting their work in non-traditional and innovative ways. We often travel off campus to broaden and deepen our knowledge as well as serve our community through volunteer activities. Students have the opportunity to participate in community service during their time at CECHS.

If your goals include completing your bachelor's degree at a college or university and you are ready for the challenge to become the best student and the best person you can be, we hope you will consider applying to Caldwell Early College High School. CECHS applications are due to 8th grade counselors no later than Wednesday, January 29.

For more information, please see the enclosed FAQ sheet and visit our website. If you have any further questions, contact your school counselor or call us at 759-4636.

Sincerely,
CECHS Staff

Frequently Asked Questions

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

No. CECHS accepts students from all academic levels; however, students must be committed to completing 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 degree with the commitment to complete a bachelor's degree.

Can I participate in athletics?

Yes. Students are eligible to participate in athletics at their district high school in grades 9-12.

Can I participate in band, chorus, or ROTC?

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

Can I take Driver's Education at CECHS?

Yes. North Carolina Driving School has an instructor assigned to coordinate the program on our campus.

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

No. There is no trial period. Students must follow the Caldwell County Schools transfer policy and timeline.

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

No. Bus transportation is provided by Caldwell County Schools. On days that Caldwell County Schools are in session, transportation is provided from his/her home to the district high school. Due to the calendar differences, some days require limited transportation. On limited transportation days, parents are expected to provide transportation to and from their home to the district school, or to CECHS. When Caldwell County Schools are not in session, shuttle buses are available from each district high school to CECHS.

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

No. CECHS represents the geographic diversity of Caldwell County.

Does CECHS follow the traditional school calendar?

No. We have a hybrid calendar that matches the CCC&TI instructional calendar and is aligned with the Caldwell County Schools calendar. You may view our current calendar on the CCS or CECHS website.

What time does the CECHS school day begin and end?

For grades 9-11, the school day currently begins at 8:05 am and ends at 2:30 pm. For the 4th and 5th year students, the start and end times depend on their individual high school and college schedules. With careful planning, 4th and 5th year students may be able to schedule most or all classes between 8:05 am and 2:30 pm if needed.

Are CECHS Friday schedules different?

Yes. Friday schedules are non-traditional and vary depending on grade level activities, off-campus learning, and college schedules.

2020 CECHS Application - Student Questions

Information must be printed in ink by the student. You may use the back of this page.

Student Name _____
Last First Middle Preferred

1. Describe a person you admire. Tell why you admire this person.

2. Tell us about a time you had an issue at school. How did you resolve it?

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

4. What is the most important thing that we should know about you?

2020 CECHS Application - Parent Information Form

Information must be printed in ink by the parent or guardian. Additional Step-Parent or Guardian information may be listed on the back of this page.

Student Name _____
Last First Middle Preferred

Mother, Stepmother or Guardian name _____
(Circle One) First Maiden / Middle Last

Mailing Address _____
City State Zip

Street Address _____
City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Marital Status _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

Education (please check highest level achieved) Did not graduate High School GED High School Graduate
 Some College Associate Degree Graduate Bachelor's Degree Graduate Advanced Degree Other: _____

Father, Stepfather or Guardian name _____
(Circle One) First Middle Last

Mailing Address _____
City State Zip

Street Address _____
City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Marital Status _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

Education (please check highest level achieved) 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 son/daughter to attend Caldwell Early College High School? (You may write on the back of this page.)

Did you attend one of the Parent Information Sessions held at Caldwell Early College High School? Yes No

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

Completed application is due to counselors **no later than January 29, 2020.**

