

New Kent ECA Student Orientation

Wednesday, March 27th 2024

Agenda

The agenda for the meeting will include:

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Benefits of Rappahannock Community College (RCC) & Dual Enrollment (DE)
- ▶ Expectations of DE
- ▶ Course Syllabus
- ▶ Drop/Withdrawal Deadlines
- ▶ Library Resources
- ▶ myRCC Login Information and Canvas
- ▶ SDV 100 and ITE 152 Course Overview and Expectations
- ▶ NKHS Letter/Agreement, Registration Process, Forms, Placement Options, Payment Options and Payment Deadlines

What are the benefits of starting at Rappahannock Community College?

- RCC allows you to complete their first two years of college, typically general education courses.
- RCC has small classes and opportunities to develop relationships with instructors and advisors.
- RCC saves time and money.
- RCC courses are transferable to four-year colleges and universities.
- RCC offers degrees, certificates, career study certificates, and workforce training.

What are the advantages of taking DE courses in high school?

- You are both an NKHS student and dual enrolled as well, earning RCC credit at the same time as high school credit.
- DE saves you time and money.
- DE may shorten the time to your college degree completion.
- DE gives you early exposure to the academic rigors of a college-level course.
- DE courses are taught at the college level.
- You can transfer applicable college credit to most 4-year colleges and universities in Virginia (check the Transfer VA portal at <https://www.transfervirginia.org/>).

Expectations of College/DE Students

- ▶ Handle all communication yourself. Once you become a DE student, you become a college student. All correspondence from the instructor will be with the student.
- ▶ Have social and emotional maturity. When you are at the college, you will be in classes with a wide range of students.
- ▶ Be prepared to handle college material.
- ▶ Identify if you are having an issue with your course, instructor, assignments, etc. and be able to handle the issue and communicate it to your instructor appropriately.
- ▶ Log in to myRCC; to access SIS, E-mail, Navigate, Canvas, & Library. Mrs. Brittney Stephens, the NKHS RCC High School Navigator, will meet with students the week of May 20th, to ensure you know how to use Canvas and My RCC for your June 3 class start date.

Why is it important to take DE seriously?

- ▶ DE grades begin your college transcript/GPA. Must have a minimum college GPA of 2.0 to earn an associate degree and be eligible for financial aid when completing the FAFSA as a senior.
- ▶ DE grades can affect your acceptance into other colleges and universities.
- ▶ DE grades can affect your acceptance into limited access majors, they will remain on your college and high school transcript forever.
- ▶ If you earn less than a “C” in a DE class, it is unlikely that the course will transfer into another college or university.

Uniform Certificate of General Studies (UCGS)

- ▶ <https://www.transfervirginia.org/content/uniform-certificate-general-studies-ucgs-policy-and-courses>
- ▶ UCGS is a one-year college program in which all courses are transferable and satisfy lower-division general education requirements at any Virginia public institution of higher education.
- ▶ Review basic differences between this and an associate degree .
- ▶ Represents two transferable semesters of college.

Drop/Withdrawal Deadlines:

Drop:

- ▶ Student removes self before drop deadline, which is usually the 1st Week (high school students send an email to their High School Navigator, Mrs. Brittney Stephens; high school students cannot add or drop themselves from courses)
- ▶ Course is not on the transcript.
- ▶ No grade designated.
- ▶ Not counted as an attempt.
- ▶ Tuition is refunded.

Drop/Withdrawal Deadlines:

Withdrawal:

- ▶ Student removes self after the drop deadline (high school students send an email to their High School Navigator, Mrs. Brittany Stephens; high school students cannot withdraw themselves from courses).
- ▶ Course is listed on the transcript.
- ▶ Grade of “W” is recorded.
- ▶ Counted as an attempt.
- ▶ Tuition is not refunded.

--RCC Differs from NKHS in that you may have time to withdraw from RCC, but will likely be beyond NKHS' withdrawal window, resulting in an F on the high school transcript.

Library Resources

<https://www.rappahannock.edu/library/index.html>

library@rappahannock.edu

myRCC and Canvas

- ▶ <https://identity.my.vccs.edu/idp/AuthnEngine#/authn>

(Mrs. Brittney Stephens, HS Navigator, will assist students with access the week of May 20th, prior to classes starting June 3.)

- ▶ <https://www.rappahannock.edu/helpdesk>

Summer Courses Overview & Expectations

- SDV 100 – Kelly Osuanah
- ITE 152 – Terri Seward

NKHS Letter/Agreement, Enrollment Process, Forms, & Payment Options/Deadlines

- Email Mrs. Spiak by this Friday at Noon to confirm or reject participation.
- Submit signed agreement letter (ASAP).
- Remit payment no later than May 23rd at Noon to Mrs. Spiak or pay online.
- Consider submitting the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Form-during meeting with Mrs. Stephens
- Students shown how parents submit required DE Parent Consent Form- in My RCC- during meeting with Mrs. Stephens week of May 20th.
- Loaner Laptops – paperwork requires a student and parent signature.

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Questions?

**Let's review the required
paperwork. Payment is not due
until May 23rd.**