



**APPLICATION FOR
WILMINGTON EARLY COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL (WECHS)
2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Mission of Wilmington Early College High School is to provide students confidence to advocate for their educational needs, honor to abide by the high standards of the school and community college and the strength to accept the responsibility of challenging academic work.

The WECHS student is a capable individual who possesses the maturity and independence to accept the challenges of this progressive school, is capable of honors level work, and participating in college classes. The WECHS student is interested and excited about being part of an intimate community of peers and faculty.

New Hanover County Schools will provide transportation to students accepted into WECHS.

Please return this completed application, including 3 recommendations, to your counselor, no later than March 6, 2009. If you are student that is home schooled please mail your application to the address below.

WILMINGTON EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
4500 Blue Clay Road
Suite 234
Castle Hayne, NC 28429
(910) 362-7789

Students will be notified, by mail, of their status (whether accepted, waiting, or denied) by the end of March.

**WILMINGTON EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
2009-2010 Application**

Checklist (please check all items completed and/or to be included in this application package.)

Part A: to be completed by PARENT/GUARDIAN

_____ **Parent demographics, page 4**

_____ **Application, page 3**

_____ **Parent signature, page 3 and 6**

Part B: to be completed by the STUDENT (pages 5-6)

_____ **Essay, handwritten in ink**

_____ **Short Answer Questions, handwritten in ink**

_____ **Student Signature**

Part C: Recommendation

_____ **Three Recommendations**

Part D: to be completed by guidance counselor (Please attach after completed application has been submitted to the counselor)

_____ **Grades (submit copy of transcript or last year's final report card and this year's to date)**

_____ **Attendance profile**

_____ **End of Grade tests (if you were not an NHC student, please submit standardized achievement test scores for two years). Please include the Computer Competency Test Scores**

_____ **Individual Education Plan or 504 (if applicable)**

Counselor Signature

Date

Part A:

This part of the application must be completed by the parent or guardian. Please print in ink.

Name of student _____ Gender: Female Male (circle)
Last First Middle

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Ethnicity: _____ NCWISE # _____

Name(s) of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Home address _____
(Street)

(City) (County) (Zip)

Parent e-mail address: _____

Mother: _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work)

Father: _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work)

Legal guardian: _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work)

School assignment (by HIGH SCHOOL attendance zone) _____

School presently attending _____ Grade Level _____

Is your child specially assigned to the middle school he/she currently attends? _____

Does your child have an 504? _____

Does your child participate in the AVID Program? _____

Does your child currently receive special education services? _____ If so, what category? _____

Does your child participate in the School Lunch Program? _____

Does your child ride an NHCS bus? _____

Please Read Carefully: By submitting this application, you understand the commitment of effort and time the student is undertaking if accepted into Wilmington Early College High School. This commitment means agreeing to remain in the program for at least one year. If at the end of any high school year the student is unwilling or unable to continue studies in Wilmington Early College High School, the student will be reassigned to the high school in his/her attendance zone. Early College students are enrolled in New Hanover County Public Schools and are subject to school board and community college polices. By signing and submitting this application, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and the student understand that any attendance or behavior problems will be sufficient cause to rescind admission in Wilmington Early College High School. Additionally, you agree to release our high school transcripts for use by Wilmington Early College High School and Cape Fear Community College.

(Parent/Guardian signature)

Date

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Parent Demographics: (Demographic Data will be used for State/Local Reports)

Parent/Guardian Education Level: Please place a check under the highest level completed.

	Did NOT complete High School	High School Graduate	1-Yr College	2-Yr College	3-Yr College	Earned Degree 4-Year College	Advanced Degree
Mother/Step/Guardian							
Father/Step/Guardian							

Please evaluate your child on the following characteristics. Check all that apply.

	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Cannot Evaluate
Accepts responsibility for learning				
Works well with peers				
Accepts personal responsibility for actions				
Has interests beyond the classroom				
Shows respect to authority				
Motivated to do well in school				
Makes good mature decisions				

In your own words please state why you think your child should attend WECHS:

Part B: Student must complete the following pages.

Student Name: _____

Will you be the first in your family to complete a four-year college degree? _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Will you be the first in your family to complete a two-year associate degree? _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

I. Write an essay (250-300 words, handwritten in ink) on the topic below. The following essay will be used as a major part of your overall rating when determining your acceptance. Please respond thoughtfully.

WECHS will offer students a rigorous academic curriculum. This will require students to demonstrate a high level of commitment, maturity, responsibility, and organization to be successful. Tell us how you will use your current skills or what changes will you need to make in order to be successful in our school.

II. Complete these questions in clear, concise statements.

A. Explain why you are interested in attending WECHS.

B. Write a brief summary of your middle school experience. Tell what things have made it a positive or negative experience.

C. Describe your attendance in 8th grade up to this point.

D. What is your greatest strength?

E. What is your greatest need for personal growth?

F. What are your career goals?

G. Have you been suspended from school this year? If yes, please explain.

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II. Answer the following questions:

	Yes	No
1. Do you currently use a planner to keep yourself organized?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you ever considered dropping out of school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you have good study habits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are your school materials organized?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Have you taken the SAT?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you feel accepted in your current school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do you believe a college education will benefit you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check the characteristics below that best describe you. Check all that apply.

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> creative | <input type="checkbox"/> team player | <input type="checkbox"/> good time management skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shy | <input type="checkbox"/> misunderstood | <input type="checkbox"/> disconnected from traditional middle school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> independent thinker | <input type="checkbox"/> need attention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> strong leadership skills | <input type="checkbox"/> able to walk away from conflict |
| <input type="checkbox"/> loner | <input type="checkbox"/> readily accepts authority | <input type="checkbox"/> need help with organization |

Add others: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that all information is accurate and complete as stated within this application. I recognize that acceptance requires a one-year commitment. I understand that the school operates on a college campus; as such, students are expected to be responsible members of the community.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Wilmington Early College High School Recommendation Form

Student: This form must be completed by school Social Studies or an English teacher at the school you currently attend. This form must be included with your application. You must include ALL completed recommendations for your application to be considered complete.

Student name: _____ NCWISE # _____

School personnel: Please complete this form and return to the student in a sealed envelope with your name written across the back flap of the envelope after it has been sealed. The application deadline is March 6, 2009. Please try to complete this in a timely manner for the student above.

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	N/O*	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional
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Academic potential					
Attitude towards school work					
Behavior					
Communication skills					
Confidence					
Educational aspirations					
Relationships with peers					
Relationships with teachers					
Responsibility					
Self-direction					
Social skills					
Study skills/habits					
Potential for success in post secondary education (this may or may not be reflected in their current grades)					

* Not observed enough to rate

Based on my experience with the applicant, my recommendation to WECHS is as follows:

Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with reservations Do not recommend

Name (please print): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please use the reverse side of this form to provide any additional information or comments about this student.

Comments on the reverse side

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