

**On the Campus  
of Tri-County  
Community  
College**

# Tri-County Early College FAQs

**Mascot: Jaguar  
School Colors: Cobalt  
Blue & Orange**

## **How many freshmen enter TCEC each fall?**

We accept 40 freshmen each year. Rising sophomores are also welcome to apply.

## **Will the bus come pick me up?**

Yes. Both Cherokee and Clay County buses will pick you up at your home. You will get on a bus at the high school in your district which will bring you to Tri-County Early College and return you in the afternoons. You can also drive if you have a car.

## **Do I have to be a straight "A" student?**

No, you just have to be dedicated and committed to getting a higher education.

## **Do you have lockers?**

No, since we are on the Community College campus, you will use your book bag.

## **Do you have sports or music?**

TCEC offers many extracurricular activities and clubs such as Junior Civitan, Student Council, Technology Team, 4-H STEM Club, Quidditch League, Beta Club, Christian Fellowship, and Principal's Ambassadors. Students can take classes in Art, Vocal Music, Journalism, and Dramatic Literature. We offer competitive sports teams in Cross Country, Swimming, Golf, and Ladies Soccer. We plan to add Men's Soccer next school year.

## **Do you have Prom and other fun social activities?**

Yes, we have a Fall/Winter Formal for grades 9-13 and a Junior-Senior Prom. We also have a Back-to-School Block Party, a Valentine's Day Social, Spirit Week, and a trip to Lake Chatuge at the end of the school year. There is always something fun going on at TCEC!

## **Do you take classes with College Students?**

Yes and No. 9th and 10th graders primarily take college classes only with other Early College students. Upperclassmen start to take classes with other Tri-County Community College students. It's a good mix.

## **What happens if I am not prepared for college classes?**

That is what the high school teachers and your college liaison are here for....support! They will teach you how to organize, study, plan, take notes and manage your time. They will talk to you about your future career and educational options and opportunities. Students also have the option of a fifth year of high school which allows for a slower pace to earn both a high school diploma and two years of college credits.

## **Do you have on-line courses?**

Yes! We have many online classes to choose from.

## **What supplies do I need?**

Everyone at Tri-County Early College gets an iPad to use throughout their high school career. A list of other basic school supplies and materials needed for your high school classes is published each summer before classes begin in August.

## **Special Points of Interest**

- Hours: 8:07-2:33 with one Extended Day until 3:55 each week.
- Option of a 5th year to complete high school diploma and two years of college. (Grades 9-13)
- Project-based learning and alternative assessment methods
- 1:1 iPad Program
- For more information and applications, attend a Parent Information Night, go to our website, or call 835-4318.

## **Are there school uniforms?**

No, but you still have to follow the high school dress code.

## **Do you serve breakfast and lunch?**

Yes. Both meals are catered from a nearby school so students have the option of a hot meal if they choose. You can also bring your lunch if you want.

## **Can I take Driver's Education through TCEC?**

Yes. Rising 9th graders should take the Driver's Education class offered over the summer at the high school in their district. Students will then drive with the instructor at TCEC.

## **Do you go on Field Trips?**

Yes! We take students on different college tours each year and take at least one school-wide trip.

## **Do I have to pay for my college classes?**

No! All books, fees, and tuition are covered by this program. You can get 2 years of college free!

## **What are the Associate's Degree Programs we can obtain at Tri-County Early College?**

All TCEC students are expected to enroll in a four-year university upon graduating from high school, therefore students are automatically enrolled in TCCC's College Transfer Degree Program.

## **Will I have to wait until my Junior Year to take college classes like students in traditional schools?**

No. All TCEC students begin taking college classes during the first semester of their freshman year.

## **Will my college credits transfer to other 4-year colleges/universities?**

Yes, to all 17 UNC System Schools: ASU, ECU, ECSU, FSU, NC AA&T, NCCU, UNCA, UNC-CH, UNCG, UNCP, UNCW, UNC ARTS, WCU, WSSU, NCSSM. Credits are also usually accepted in private schools and schools outside the UNC system.