

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Stanly Early College High School?	SEC is an innovative high school where students can earn their high school diploma and a two-year associate's degree simultaneously. An Associate of Arts or Associate of Science is designed to meet the general curriculum requirements that most college students complete in their first two years at a university. This is a tremendous financial benefit for families, as it allows students to enter a university with college transfer credit and complete major requirements more quickly than a traditional high school graduate.
Do you offer career pathway options?	<p>Yes. SCC offers more certification and diploma options for our students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioning • Heating & Refrigeration Technology • Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology • Heavy Equipment Operations • Welding Technology • (coming soon) • Plumbing • Electrical Systems Technology • Building Construction Technology • 911 Communications and Operations <p>Students can also complete Associate in Applied Science (AAS) programs in a variety of fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agribusiness • Advertising & Graphic Design • Biomedical Equipment Technology • Cosmetology • Information Technology • Mechatronics • Simulation & Game Development
What are the expectations?	We have an accelerated honors curriculum. Students must be willing to work diligently toward their goals and demonstrate the maturity level for college classes and a college environment. Time management, work ethic, autonomy, and self-advocacy are skills needed for college readiness.
How do you attend SEC?	Students wishing to attend SEC apply during January of their 8th grade year.
Do we accept transfers?	We do not accept transfers from traditional high schools.
What is the advantage of attending SEC versus my traditional high school? Can't I take college classes at my high school?	<p>A DEGREE, SMALL ENVIRONMENT, SMALL CLASS SIZES, SUPPORT, and SEATED COLLEGE CLASS OPTIONS!</p> <p>SEC is a small school located on Stanly Community College's</p>

	<p>campus. While Career and College Promise (CCP) is a wonderful option for traditional high school students, it is designed to give students access to rigorous, college-level classes during their junior and senior years. It does not guarantee the option of completing a full associate degree. Our program is designed to earn an associate degree and a high school diploma in 4 or 5 years, depending on your course load. Our school counselor and college liaison work together to help students design a pathway based on their goals and interests. We are goal-oriented and career-focused.</p>
How do I apply?	<p>We open our application in January. Applications must be submitted by the deadline on the application. Students and Parents can access the application under "Application Information" on our website. After applications are reviewed, an email is sent to students meeting the criteria, extending an invitation for an interview and a writing sample during our interview nights. Applications are reviewed and scored based on a rubric that measures the following historical criteria: academic achievements, discipline record, attendance record, writing sample, and interview scores. All information is confidential. Decision letters are emailed to parents and students in Spring.</p>
How do I learn more about the program?	<p>During January, all SCS 8th graders visit SCC and SEC. During the application window, we also visit all middle schools to present information about our program. Additionally, we will schedule an informational parent night. Those dates are shared during these visits and on our website. Home-school, charter school, and private school students are encouraged to attend one of these meetings.</p>
What academic supports are available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students attend advisory sessions that focus on college-readiness skills. • Our high school teachers host tutorials for high school classes. • Students have access to SCC's academic support center for college courses. • Our leadership team reviews students' progress weekly and meets with students as needed. • Our school counselor and SCC college liaison help guide students to classes based on goals and interests.
What would happen to cause my child to be ineligible after being accepted?	<p>If a student's behavior does not align with the expectations and policies of SEC or SCC, it will jeopardize their standing. Students are expected to follow SCS dress code and student</p>

	<p>code of conduct policies.</p> <p>Students are expected to complete assignments on time, attend all classes, pass all courses, and maintain the minimum GPA requirements. Failing a course or not maintaining the minimum GPA requirements will jeopardize their standing.</p>
If SEC is no longer an option, where would my child be assigned to attend school?	Students will transfer to their traditional high school based on their geographic district feeder pattern.
What are the costs associated with this program?	Students enrolled at SEC received tuition-free education at SCC. Our program covers textbook costs. Students pay the typical SCS technology fee and may incur fees for field trips, graduation, fall festival, winter formal, prom, or other school events.
Do you provide bus transportation?	YES. Stanly County Schools provides bus transportation. Per the SCS process, students must request bus transportation each year. Information can be located on the SCS website under the transportation department. Students will ride their district bus to their area high school and then be shuttled to SEC. Students are picked up at SEC in the afternoon after district buses finish their routes. Typically, students are picked up within 30 to 45 minutes of dismissal.