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Madison Early College High School
Application for Admission
2020-2021

Madison Early College High School is a collaborative effort between Madison County Schools and AB-Tech Community College. The school is structured to provide relevance, rigor, and relationships for students wanting to pursue a high-school diploma and take college course work in a dual enrollment program. Students may be first generation college students, have financial need, be traditionally underserved in higher education, or benefit from an accelerated academic program.

Madison Early College students must possess the maturity and independence to accept the challenges of this progressive school. The Madison Early College student will belong to an intimate community of peers and faculty within a smaller setting than traditional high schools.

- **Students:** Thank you for your interest in Madison Early College. We are excited to begin our search for motivated students. Attached you will find many questions which will assist us in learning more about you and determining if you meet requirements for our program.

- **Parents:** Thank you for your encouragement, time, and support. This application contains several sections that must be completed by you. Please review the sections your child completes. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Early College. Completed applications may be turned into Madison Middle School, brought to the Early College campus, or mailed

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Part A: Parent Section Part I (To be completed by parent)

Student Name _____ Student # _____ Gender _____ Race _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____ SS # _____

Name(s) of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Physical address _____

Mailing address _____

Student lives with: _____ both parents _____ Mother _____ Father _____ Grandparents _____ other

Parent e-mail address _____

Student e-mail address _____

Residence phone _____ Business phone (mother) _____ (father) _____

Cell Phone Mother _____ **Cell Phone father** _____ **Cell Phone Student** _____

School presently attending _____ Current Grade Level _____

Does your child ride the school bus? YES/NO (Please indicate morning, afternoon or both)

Parents' Educational Background: Please place a check under the highest level completed.

	Did Not Complete High School	High School Graduate	1-Year College	2-Year College	3-Year College	Earned 4-Year Degree College	Advanced Degree
Mother							
Father							

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

	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Cannot Evaluate
Accepts responsibility for learning				
Works well with peers				
Accepts personal responsibility for actions				
Demonstrates interest beyond the classroom				
Respects authority				
Makes mature decisions				
Motivated to do well in school				
Attend school regularly				

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Part A: Parent Section Part II (To be completed by parent)

Parent/Guardian Statement

1. In what specific ways will you be able to support your child if accepted at Madison Early College High School (MECHS)?

2. Do you foresee any possible roadblocks that would impede your child's success at MECHS and/or A-B Tech?

Students succeed best when the school, the parent, and the student work together.

- I understand that my child's commitment to Madison Early College is for at least one full semester.
- I agree to make every effort to ensure my child is in school every day. Attendance is a crucial component to success.
- I agree to attend and support school functions, if possible.
- I will encourage and expect high academic and behavior standards from my child.
- I agree and expect my child to abide by the rules and policies of Madison County Schools and AB-Tech Community College.

By signing below, I am certifying that the information provided above is accurate. Inaccurate information may result in dismissal from MECHS if accepted.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

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Part B: Parent Agreement and Signature Page

- We understand that participation in my child’s education will help his/her achievement and attitude. Therefore, we will voluntarily be involved in the school to promote school-wide parent support, shared decisions, special enrichment, and recreational activities.
 - We agree to be accessible and readily available to the school to discuss my child.
 - We understand that strict adherence to all Madison County Schools’ and AB-Tech Community College’s policies is required.
 - By signing below, we acknowledge that all information is accurate and complete as stated within this application and recognize that **acceptance to Madison Early College High School requires a one-semester commitment.** We understand that Madison Early College operates on a college campus and that students are expected to be responsible members of the community.
 - Any attendance or behavior problems could be sufficient cause to rescind any assignment/agreement to attend Madison Early College High School.
- By signing below, I agree for my child’s picture to be used on the internet and or any material used for publicity for the Early College
- By signing below, I understand that students will use technology in an appropriate manner.

Authorization to Disclose: By signing below, we recognize that because Madison Early College students are dually enrolled, Madison County Schools and AB-Tech Community College must share student information with one another. We authorize disclosure of pertinent information, including but not limited to education plans, needed accommodations, test scores, and grades.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: By submitting this application, I understand the commitment of effort and time that my child and I will be undertaking if accepted into Madison Early College. If, at the end of any semester, my child is unwilling or unable to continue studies in the Madison Early College, he/she could be reassigned to Madison High School. In addition, any attendance or behavior problems may be sufficient cause to rescind assignment to the Madison Early College at any time during the school year.

Parent/Guardian printed name

Date

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Part C: Student Section (To be completed by student)

Student Name _____ Student # _____

Age _____ Birth date _____ SS # _____

1. Answer the following questions:

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|-----|
| A. Do you understand how important attendance is? | () | () |
| B. Are you willing to participate in community service and/or work based internships required of all MECHS students? | () | () |
| C. Are you willing to participate in challenge-based learning (CBL)? | () | () |

2. What are your career goals?

3. Why is Madison Early College High School the best choice for you?

4. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a student? (be honest)

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Part D: Student Agreement and Signature Page

Student Commitment Statements:

I, _____, understand that being admitted to Madison County Early College High School is a privilege and an opportunity to extend my educational opportunities for success. By signing below, I am committing to at least one semester of attendance at MECHS.

I understand that this is an adult educational setting, and as such, my behavior must be conducive to learning without disruption. I will act as a young adult while using these facilities. I will abide by the rules and regulations established by MECHS and AB-Tech Community College Student Code of Conduct.

I understand that daily attendance is my responsibility and essential to my success. It has been made clear to me that chronic non-attendance could result in termination from Madison Early College High School.

I understand that work ethic and attendance are essential for success at MECHS and AB-Tech. Making an effort, asking for help, trying new strategies, etc. on a consistent basis in every class at MECHS and AB-Tech are required skills.

I understand that lack of effort or disruption of the educational process could result in termination from Madison Early College High School.

Release of Information: I agree as a Madison Early College student, regardless of my age, that AB-Tech Community College may release information regarding my enrollment, academic progress, discipline matters or attendance to my parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Please see the student Handbook or the Student Information section of the College website for more information regarding student rights and disclosure of information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Student's Printed Name

Date

Student's Signature

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Part E: Commitment Statement

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The undersigned student is applying for acceptance with MECHS and agrees to abide by the rules and expectations set by Madison County Schools and AB-Tech Community College. The MECHS program requires commitment and effort. If at the end of any semester a MECHS student is unable or unwilling to continue studies at MECHS, he/she could be reassigned to Madison High School. Madison Early College students must adhere to AB-Tech Community College and Madison County Board of Education policies.

By signing and submitting this application the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and the student understands that behavior or attendance problems will be sufficient cause to be withdrawn from MECHS.

Is Madison Early College the right place for you?

- Madison Early College is a four or five year program.
- Students can earn a high school diploma, ABTCC certificate, an Associate Degree, or transferrable college credit.
- Students will be taking college courses beginning their freshman year.
- Classes are accelerated/honors-level and require a determined attitude, a strong work ethic, and regular attendance.
- Students often work in teams on projects and presentations in class as well as in school-wide Challenge Based Learning projects.
- Learning is assessed non-traditionally as well as by standardized tests.
- Students will participate in many off-campus learning activities including college visits.
- MECHS students are eligible to participate in Madison High School athletic and extra-curricular programs.

Commitment Statement: We understand and accept the above information. We understand that Madison Early College High School requires a substantial commitment and that signing this document is an agreement of commitment to MECHS program.

We understand that MECHS students are subject to all applicable policies set forth by Madison County Schools and AB-Tech Community College.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

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Part F: Student Writing Samples

Applicants: Please answer the following questions in the areas provided, in your own writing. One paragraph is sufficient per question.

Q: Tell about a time you went above and beyond. (Give a specific example of how you pushed yourself)

Q: Discuss your attendance habits. What possible barriers might you face in coming to school regularly?

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Part G: Recommendations (2 Required)

MECHS Student Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____

Student: Please request one of your CORE teachers (ELA, Math, Science, History) to complete this form. **Two teacher recommendation forms are required.**

Teacher: Please complete this form and return it to the student in a sealed envelope with your name written across the back flap.

Please evaluate the applicant on the following characteristics:

Academic Characteristics

	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Cannot Evaluate
Accepts responsibility for learning				
Makes decisions independent of peers				
Works well with peers				
Communicates effectively				
Follows through on homework and study (strong work ethic)				
Participates in class discussion				
Accepts academic challenges				
Attendance				
Seeks academic challenges				
Shows respect for authority				
Works independently				

Social/Emotional Characteristics

	Excellent	Acceptable	Needs Improvement	Cannot Evaluate
Attitude towards school				
Social skills				
Judgment and common sense				
Maturity				
Responsibility				
Leadership				
Motivation				
Integrity/Honesty				
Confidence				
Self-directed				
Classroom Behavior				

Based on my experience with the applicant, my recommendation to Madison Early College is as follows:

Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with reservations Do not recommend
 Concerns? _____

Name (please print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note to Teachers: We value your opinion. If you have any questions, please contact us at 649-0319. Additional comments may be written on the back if needed. **Thank you very much for your assistance!**

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