

Scotland Early College High School (SEarCH)

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** Can students transfer to SEarCH after their freshman or sophomore year at Scotland High?
A: No. Because of the differences in the academic programs, students need to enroll in SEarCH at the beginning of their freshman year.
- Q:** Will SEarCH students be able to transfer their RCC college credits to four-year universities and colleges at the end of five years?
A: Yes. RCC courses noted as *college transfer courses* are accepted by all of the University of North Carolina schools, as well as many private colleges.
- Q:** Is there a test that SEarCH students must pass in order to enroll in college courses?
A: Yes and No. For college classes that require reading and/or math skills, SEarCH students must pass the AccuPlacer reading and math tests.
- Q:** When SEarCH students take a college class, will they do so as a group?
A: The freshman SEarCH students will take Academic Success Course (which does not require passing AccuPlacer) as a group. Beginning in the sophomore year, they will be intermingled with college students in the college classes.
- Q:** Will there be a set schedule of classes for SEarCH students?
A: In the freshman year, all SEarCH students will take the same courses. Beginning in the sophomore year, each student's schedule will be unique to his or her personal educational and career plans.
- Q:** Is SEarCH a program for just academically gifted students?
A: No. SEarCH is designed for any student who has the motivation to do college-level work and earn college credit.
- Q:** Can SEarCH students be on Scotland High School athletic teams, marching band, etc.?
A: No. Since SEarCH will be on the campus of Richmond Community College (RCC), the distance and time limitations are too great to allow SEarCH students to participate in SHS after school activities. Sometime in the future this may change, but not in the first few years.
- Q:** Will there be extra-curricular activities at SEarCH?
A: Yes. There will be clubs which are based on student interest. They will meet weekly or as appropriate. Time during the school day will be set aside for clubs.
- Q:** Will lunch be provided for SEarCH students?
A: Yes. Because RCC does not have a cafeteria or snack bar, arrangements will be made to have lunches prepared and delivered for SEarCH students. Students who have received free or reduced prices on their lunches may continue to do so; others may purchase lunches for a price comparable to school lunch prices.
- Q:** What associate degrees will be available?
A: SEarCH will offer the following associate degrees: Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration, and Associate in Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology. The first two are college transfer degrees to all state universities; the last two are college transfer degrees to selected colleges.
- Q:** Is SEarCH a part of the SHS Small Learning Communities (SLCs)?
A: While SEarCH is a small school, part of Scotland County Schools, and another option for high school students, it is a separate school that is a joint venture with RCC.
- Q:** Are high school graduation requirements for SEarCH different than those for SHS?
A: No. Both follow the same local and state requirements for a high school diploma.