



Application for Berkeley County Middle College 2017-18 School Year

Application Deadline:

Completed applications should be postmarked by or delivered in person to the Middle College no later than the 28th day of February.

Accepting approximately 50 rising juniors (Class of 2019)

In keeping with the mission of Berkeley County School District, our magnet high school gives 11th and 12th grade students an opportunity to achieve high school and college academic success in a non-traditional learning environment. Working in collaboration with Trident Technical College (TTC), the Middle College encourages and eases transitions into a college environment.

Berkeley Middle College accepts students who reside in Berkeley County or whose parents are employees of BCSD. **Students accepted into the Middle College must provide their own transportation** to the Berkeley Campus of Trident Technical College, located at 1001 South Live Oak Drive (Hwy 17A) in Moncks Corner. **Students in good academic standing may participate in athletic activities at their zoned high school.** Berkeley Middle College has an annual fee of \$125.00 per student. This fee is applied toward textbook and technology usage. Students with a free/reduced lunch status may apply for a fee waiver or reduced fee. If there are more qualified applicants than available space, the student body will be chosen through a lottery system and a wait list established.

Applicants are recommended to have successfully completed **or be in the process of completing** ten (10) Carnegie units toward graduation including:

- Algebra I (or Math Tech I and II)
- Geometry
- English I and II
- Two sciences, one of which is Biology
- One Social Studies course
- Physical Education
- One Foreign Language course recommended for students who plan to apply to a four-year college

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- If AccuPlacer testing is not available in an applicant's high school, he or she must visit a Trident Technical College campus to take the AccuPlacer college placement test in reading, writing, and math. **The results must be attached to the application when submitted.** Students should score a *minimum* of 58 in Arithmetic, *minimum* of 67 in Reading Comprehension, and *minimum* of 70 in Sentence Skills to qualify for admission.
- **Do not call the Middle College office about AccuPlacer.** All testing is coordinated through TTC at the numbers provided on the **last page** of this document.
- When the application is submitted, academic records, discipline records, attendance records, and AccuPlacer scores will be reviewed. **Qualified candidates will be contacted by telephone to schedule an interview.** A parent/guardian should attend the interview with the student.
- We will NOT accept faxed applications. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- **Attach a recent photograph to the completed application. No "selfies" please.**

Students Complete the Following Information

Student Name _____ School Currently Attending _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Current Grade Level _____

Student Email: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Do you check your email on a daily basis? ___ Yes or ___ No

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

With whom do you live? _____ Do you have a 504 Plan? _____

How did you hear about the Middle College? _____

My current higher education goal is to: (check one)

Option #1 ___ Graduate from high school **then stay at Trident Tech** to complete a certificate, diploma, or associate degree and **NOT** go on to a four-year college. (Students who choose this option do not need to take the SAT or ACT.)

Option #2 ___ Graduate from high school **and continue my education at Trident Tech to complete an Associate in Science or Associate in Arts degree** (University Transfer Program). After completing an associate degree, I will transfer to a four-year college to complete my Bachelor's Degree. (**Students who choose this option should talk with the guidance counselor about the necessity of taking the SAT or ACT.**)

Option #3 ___ Graduate from high school and go directly into a four-year college in August 2019 following my high school graduation in May. (**BEFORE registering for SAT or ACT, each student should talk with the counselor about which test is most suitable. Students do NOT need to take both and SHOULD NOT register for SAT or ACT without having conferenced with our counselor.**)

What is your career goal? _____

Do you have a Stem Premier account at your current school? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you begun work on a Capstone Project in your current school? ___ Yes ___ No

Interview Preparation: We Want to Know About You

Be prepared to discuss the following in your interview:

- Research "21st Century Skills." In your interview, we will ask you to share your strengths and challenges.
- Our expectation is that students will maintain averages of 85% in every class. Is this something you believe you can accomplish?
- Be prepared to tell us why you have chosen your current career goal. Do your grades, attendance, discipline, and attitude show that you are serious about your education and future career?

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Should Complete This Section of the Application

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Do you check your email on a daily basis? ____ Yes ____ No Residence Phone

Business Phone (M) _____ (F) _____

Cell Phone (M) _____ (F) _____

Does your student have internet access at home? ____ Yes or ____ No

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

	Did Not Complete High School	High School Graduate	College 1 Year	College 2 Years	Earned Associate Degree	College 3 Years	Degree 4 Year College	Advanced Degree
Mother/Guardian								
Father/Guardian								

Parental Agreement

Please read carefully: By submitting this application, I understand the commitment of time, effort, and responsibility that my child will undertake if accepted into the Middle College. This commitment includes my participation in his or her education; therefore, I agree to be involved, as well as accessible and available to the school to discuss my child's progress. I recognize that acceptance into the program requires maturity and full commitment on the part of my child.

Our signatures below affirm agreement to the parental commitment statement and acknowledge that all information provided in the application is accurate and complete.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return **completed** application in person or by mail to:

Claire Freeman, Principal
Berkeley County Middle College
1001 South Live Oak Drive Moncks Corner, SC 29461
Telephone: 843-899-8111

AccuPlacer Placement Test Information

Developed by the College Board, the main purpose of **AccuPlacer** is to identify academic strengths and needs in the areas of writing, reading, and math. **AccuPlacer** is user-friendly. You will use a computer mouse to select your responses as you move through the different sections of the test. The test is not timed.

Scheduling an Appointment

You should contact Testing Services IMMEDIATELY to schedule an appointment to test.

Main Campus (some evening and weekend appointments available) – 843-574-6410- Building 410, Room 202

Berkeley Campus – 843-899-8079 – Student Success Center

A valid picture ID (e.g., School ID, Driver’s License, Passport, Military) and your Social Security Number are required when testing. Testing Services will provide scratch paper, a pencil and a hand-held calculator for testing.

The test is not timed. Students usually take about 90 minutes to complete the entire test. You will receive a copy of your AccuPlacer scores immediately after testing. **REMEMBER** that a copy of the scores must be sent in with your Middle College application.

It is important to take the AccuPlacer test seriously!

Your test results will help determine whether you are ready for the rigor of Middle College work.

Additional information and practice apps can be found online at the following website:

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer>