

The Advance College Academy (ACA) is a partnership between Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) and Reynolds Community College (Reynolds) that allows students to obtain an Associate of Science degree in Social Sciences as well as an advanced high school diploma during the four years of high school. Governed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and as a member of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP), HCPS and Reynolds follow a prescribed set of standards to ensure a high quality representation of college classes and coursework. Upon graduation from both Reynolds and HCPS, students have an opportunity to transfer the 62 credits of the associate's degree to a four year college or university to which they gain admission.

Program Goals

The ACA Program is designed to give students an accelerated academic experience. Our goals help facilitate college readiness.

- ◆ Developing effective and dynamic study skills using techniques such as study groups, graphic organizer, Cornell notes, and others.
- ◆ Preparing students for the realities and challenges of becoming a college freshman, at 16, through specially crafted honors and AP classes taken during 9th and 10th grades.
- ◆ Defining post-secondary academic and career goals through periodic group or individual sessions with our Reynolds Career Coach.
- ◆ Identifying, addressing and assisting students in overcoming roadblocks to success.

Instruction

Our concurrent instructors are both HCPS teachers and credentialed Reynolds adjunct professors.

- ◆ Rigorous and challenging 21st century instruction utilized across the ACA curriculum.
- ◆ Honors and AP classes comprise the 9th and 10th grade course work.
- ◆ The high school experience is embellished with high school electives and participation in high school extra-curricular activities.
- ◆ Students earn a full associate's degree of 62 credits
- ◆ There is minimal charge, to students, for college courses taken through the program.

Selection Criteria

Students are selected for one of 50 seats in the class of 2022 based on the following criteria.

- ◇ Results of NWEA math and reading tests
- ◇ Minimum 3.0 GPA (see how to calculate GPA on the Tucker ACA website)
- ◇ Algebra I in middle school with a minimum grade of B
- ◇ Evaluation of mechanics and substance of writing samples
- ◇ Strength of recommendations and transcript
- ◇ Number of HS classes taken in MS
- ◇ Recommendation of the selection committee

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What Students Should Do Next...

- Go to the Tucker ACA website to look at our curriculum and to set up shadowing on select Mondays, Nov 13 - Mar 22. <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/jrtaca/>
- Go to the Reynolds ACA website to watch the video clips about Tucker ACA and read through FAQs. www.Reynolds.edu/ACA
- Bookmark the Henrico specialty center page for access to the application and county level information. <http://henricoschools.us/specialty-centers/>
- Starting Nov 20th, private or home schooled applicants can download and print the application. All supporting documents (transcripts must be sent later to include semester grades) as well as the application must be received by Jan 12th at Tucker High School. Remember to schedule applicant testing with Ms. Lesley Brown by January 4th.
<http://tinyurl.com/henricoprivateschooltesting>
- Starting Nov 20th, HCPS students can begin the online application. Tell your middle school counselor when you are done and remember to submit your ACA essay. Applicant testing will be during the school day.
- Keep those good grades all year.
- We look forward to seeing you for the **Open House on November 8th.**

Important Dates and Events

Information Sessions:

All sessions begin at 7PM
Highland Springs HS Wednesday, September 27th
Freeman HS Tuesday, October 3rd
Glen Allen HS Tuesday, October 10th
Hermitage HS Wednesday, October 18th

Open House ACA for Social Sciences:

November 8 th 7 PM – 9 PM
J.R. Tucker High School Auditorium
Provides in-depth information about this dual enrollment program

Applications:

◇ Open online November 20, 2017
◇ Close January 12, 2018
◇ Acceptance notification on March 9, 2018
◇ Rising 9th applicants only
◇ Open to Henrico County residents
◇ Submit ACA essay as instructed by your school counselor.