

ABSS High School Specialty Programs

Parent/Student Presentation 2021

Information for All Programs

- Students will complete applications online. They can be found on the District Home Page or the school's website in which the program is held.
- All program applications will close December 17th. Students accepted into the program will be notified by the end of January. Students will be given 1 week to accept their spot into the designated program.
- Acceptance into any program will be contingent on the final outcomes of Second Semester.
- Transportation is provided to all programs.
- Students accepted into Early College, Pre-Collegiate, or IB will become a student at the assigned school. If you leave the program during your high school tenure then you will return to your zoned school.

ABSS Early College at ACC



What exactly is ABEC?

ABEC is a high school located on ACC's campus.

Students are dual enrolled as an ABSS student and an ACC student.

Students take honors level courses during their freshman and sophomore year with ABEC staff.

During their junior and senior year students are enrolled in ACC classes tuition free to work towards earning an Associate degree.

The goal of ABEC is for students to graduate in 4 years with a high school diploma and an Associate degree.

Students will have the opportunity to meet once a semester or more with ABEC's college liaison (advisor) to ensure they are on track.

Books and transportation are provided.

Typical Schedule

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Semester 1	Semester 1	Semester 1	Semester 1
H English 1 / Fresh Seminar (YR)	Honors Eng 2/ Finance & Econ (YR)	Honors English 3	Honors English 4
Honors Math 1 or Honors Math 2	Honors Pre Calculus or Honors Math 3	ACC class	ACC class
Honors World History	CIS 110 (Intro to Comp)--ACC	ACC class	ACC class
Honors Earth & Enviro Science	HIS 131 (American 1)--ACC	ACC class	ACC class
Semester 2	Semester 2	Semester 2	Semester 2
H English 1 / Fresh Seminar (YR)	H. Chem or H. Phy Sci/Leadership (YR)	ACC class	ACC class
Honors Math 2 or Honors Math 3	Honors Civics	ACC class	ACC class
Honors Biology	MUS 110--ACC	ACC class	ACC class
HEA/PED (Health & PE)--ACC	HIS 132 (American 2)--ACC	ACC class	ACC class

FAQs

Do I need to have straight As or be AIG to get in?

- Not necessarily, we are looking for students who are hard workers, who come to school on a regular basis, who have good study habits

What is the school calendar like?

- We start school the first week of August, first semester ends before Winter break
- Second semester ends in the middle of May

Can you play sports at ABEC?

- Students can participate in athletics at their zonal school
- Currently we have students cheering, playing volleyball, baseball, soccer, basketball, softball, running cross country and track

Can you participate in marching band at ABEC?

- With the band director's permission, students can participate in marching band or color guard

FAQs

Are there clubs that students can participate in at ABEC?

- Yes, we offer a wide variety of clubs including Key Club, SGA, Yearbook, Hiking/Environmental, National Honor Society, Ethics Bowl (Debate), Music, and Gamers

Do you have the typical high school activities?

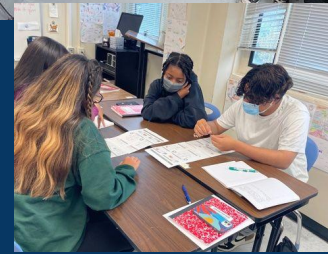
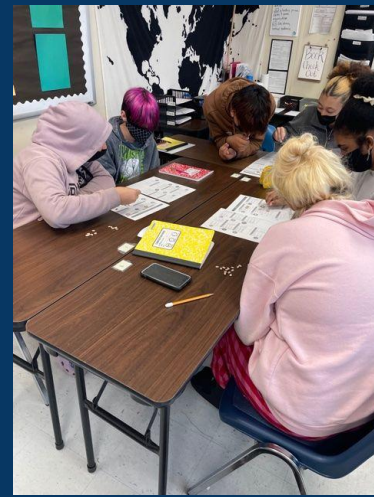
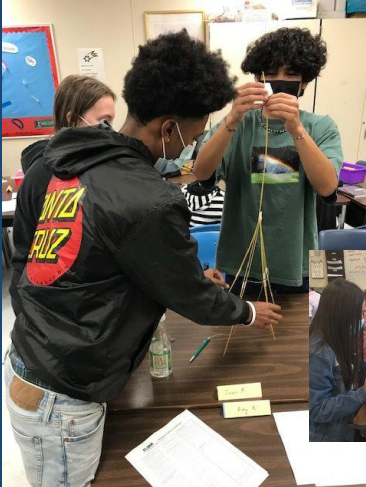
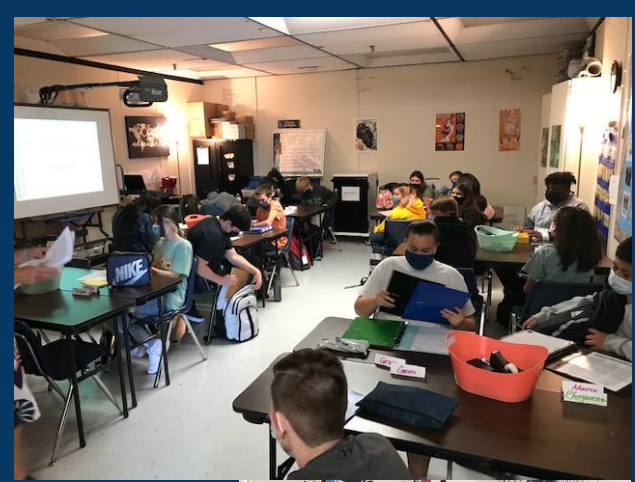
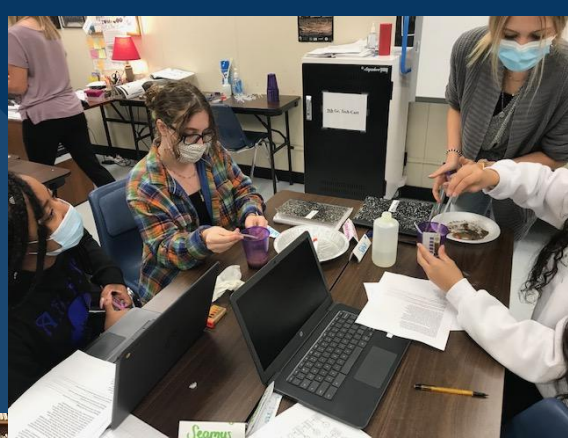
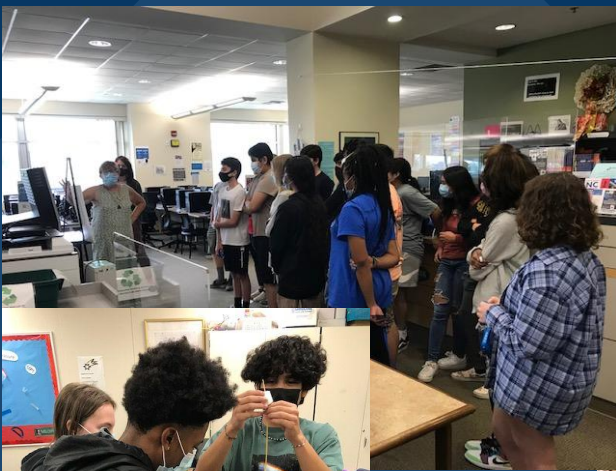
- We have a spirit week tied to a Friday afternoon/evening event
- We have a prom and other school dances

Is transportation provided?

- Yes, ABSS provides transportation to and from ABEC each day

Is breakfast/lunch provided?

- Yes, ABEC has its own cafeteria that serves both.



Thank you!

Any questions?

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Welcome!

Pre-Collegiate Academy

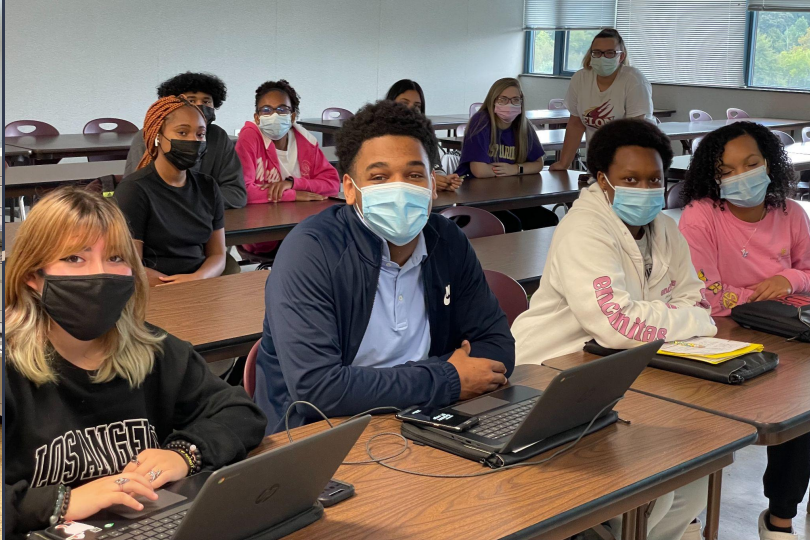


What is PCA?

- ❖ Designed to meet the growing interest in students who want to earn college credits in high school
- ❖ Personalized course of study in freshman and sophomore years that provides more rigorous coursework through Honors and/or Advanced Placement core classes
- ❖ Create focused courses of study for heightened post secondary options
- ❖ Students will engage in college courses at ACC in junior and senior years of high school tuition free with books provided; transportation is also provided
- ❖ Students will engage in seminar work designed to promote success at the postsecondary level, along with community service opportunities
- ❖ Goal is to earn high school diploma and Associate's Degree simultaneously

What Does a PCA Student Look Like?

- ❖ Motivated
- ❖ Does not need to be AIG; but should do very well in school
- ❖ Enjoys traditional high school setting
- ❖ Wants the option to take fine arts classes
- ❖ Embraces new people
- ❖ College-bound



Community Service, Volunteering, Athletics, and Activities

- Community Service and Volunteering/Job Shadowing
 - ◆ Students are provided the opportunity to volunteer within the community
 - ◆ Students have the opportunity to job shadow a particular career choice
 - ◆ PCA students are expected to represent their school and community
- Athletics and Activities
 - ◆ PCA students become GHS students
 - ◆ If you play sports, you will play sports at GHS
 - ◆ If you are involved in activities, you will be in activities at GHS



Typical Course Schedule

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Average Cost to Attend One Semester of College (based on 12-credit hours/4 classes)

	PCA	CCP	ACC	ASU	UNC	UNCG
Tuition (12 semester hours)	Free	Free	\$927	\$3725	\$4490	\$3746
Textbooks (Avg cost)	Free	\$410	\$410	\$250 (book rental fee)	\$1000	\$1000
Total Cost (per semester)	Free	\$410	\$1337	\$3975	\$5490	\$4746



Thank you!

If you have any questions about PCA, please
contact:

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IB Program at Williams High Rising 9th Only

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What is IB?



- **Internationally recognized curriculum**
- **Williams is one of 33 high schools in NC to offer this program**
- **It is a cohesive and comprehensive 2 year program beginning in 11th grade**
- **IB and AP receive the same grade weight**
- **The UNC system awards college credit for IB classes and the IB Diploma**
- **The Core of IB is**
 - **Community Service**
 - **Theory of Knowledge - how do you know what you know?**
 - **Extended Essay - Independent research in an area of interest**

The IB Student Profile



- **Self-motivation**
- **Self- management/organizational skills**
- **A willingness to embrace new challenges**
- **Openness to, and tolerance of, different perspectives, beliefs and ideas**
- **Stress management skills**
- **Must be able to handle HONORS level work in all classes**
- **Should be able to go into Math 1 Honors (at a minimum)**
- **Does not have to be designated as AIG**
- **Does not have to have straight A's in middle school**
- **They can play sports and do extra-curricular activities in and outside of school**

Approaches to Learning

1. Thinking skills
2. Communications skills
3. Social skills
4. Self-management skills
5. Research skills



Diploma
Programme

Approaches to Teaching

1. Based on inquiry
2. Focused on conceptual understanding
3. Developed in local and global contexts
4. Focused on effective teamwork and collaboration
5. Differentiated to meet the needs of all learners
6. Informed by formative and summative assessment.



Differences Between IB and AP

- **The educational objectives differ:** AP courses tend to focus intensively on a particular subject, while IB aims to create a more well-rounded student who is equipped with some fundamental skills needed for university
- **Students can earn college credit with either:** Both IB and AP classes culminate in an exam, and depending on the score, students may be able to earn college credit.

<https://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/high-school-notes/2014/09/02/discover-the-difference-between-ap-and-ib-classes>

College and University Credit

An example of college credits issued by UNC Chapel Hill:

IB Class	Score	Credits
Biology HL	4	Biology 101, 101L
Biology HL	6	Biology 101, 101L, 279, 279L
English HL	4	English 191
Spanish SL	5	Spanish 203, 204

This [link](#) will take you to an extensive list of IB and AP credits issued by UNC

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What classes will I take?

Freshmen Year

English 1 Honors	Civics Literacy	First or 2nd level of a foreign language Depending on Placement test	Biology Honors 1 and/or Earth and Environ Honors	Math 1 Honors and/ or Math 2 Honors	PE	Double on Math if you did not have Math 1 in MS	Elective*
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What classes will I take?

Sophomore Year

English 2 Honors	Personal Finance Honors	Spanish 2/3, Latin 2, French 2	EE, APES, or Chem Honors	Math 2 Honors , Math 3 Honors, Pre-Calc		Elective	Elective
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*****Pre-Calc must be taken before AP Calc junior year***

What classes will I take?

Junior Year

IB English 11 HL	IB History of the Americas HL	IB Foreign Language Or level 3	IB Biology HL -or- IB SEHS SL	Calc AB/BC -or- AP Stats Or Math 4 honors	IB Elective (Visual Arts HL 1	Theory of Knowledge	Elective
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What classes will I take?

Senior Year (Final year in IB)

IB English 12 HL	IB World History (HL)	IB Foreign Language	IB Biology HL -or- IB SEHS SL	Math Applications and Interpretati ons SL -or- Math Approaches and Analysis SL	IB Elective(Vis ual Arts HL Or IB Psychology HL	Senior TOK	Elective
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IB Successes

2021 Graduates

- ❖ The valedictorian and the salutatorian were both IB students
- ❖ 9 out of the top 10 were IB students
- ❖ Total of 106 College credits earned from just IB
- ❖ 86% Diploma Rate

2020 Graduates

- ❖ 5 of the top ten were IB students
- ❖ The salutatorian was an IB student
- ❖ 17 candidates earned credits for 76 college courses from IB classes

Creativity, Activity and Service Customized to Your Interests:

The IB program gives you the opportunity to impact your community and enrich your learning experience. Your CAS project will allow you to:

- Undertake new challenges.
- Plan and initiate activities.
- Work collaboratively with others.
- Show perseverance and commitment.
- Engage with issues of global importance.
- Consider ethical implications.
- Develop new skills.

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