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SCHOOL CHOICE GUIDE




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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Danville Public Schools (DPS) provides students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade with various School Choice options tailored to meet the needs and interests of all students. The programs allow students to discover their talents and interests while focusing on academic rigor. Over the past few years, DPS has increased the number and quality of these options, all focused on ensuring students graduate from high school ready for college or the workforce. Starting in elementary school, families have the opportunity to choose their scholar's academic path, whether that includes advanced academics, STEM, Career and Technical Education, athletics, fine arts, and more. If you have questions about any of our programs, please reach out to us to help set your child's path.



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NOTE FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the Danville School Board, we are excited to offer choices for our students, based on interests and future career paths. From virtual learning to STEM to trades, there are programs for each student and each learning preference. It is our desire to see every student succeed and thrive. By offering varied academic programs, advanced learning options, extracurriculars, and athletic options, Danville families can tailor academic careers to their scholars. Take a look at this guide to learn about all the offerings available to our students, from elementary to high school, and learn how to take advantage of these programs, schools, and classes.

SCHOOL BOARD

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WHAT IS SCHOOL CHOICE?

Danville Public Schools provides students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 with various School Choice options tailored to meet the needs and interests of all students. The programs allow students to discover their talents and interests while focusing on academic rigor. Whether your child is interested in science, performing arts, foreign languages, or trade skills, Danville Public Schools choice schools, programs, and pathways have something to offer every student.

CHOICE TRANSFER PROCESS

Parents may request a transfer to another public school within their local school district to specified schools and grades designated as having available space. Each year, the school system identifies schools with available space and accepts applications from families requesting a transfer.

If a parent chooses to transfer a child to another school, the parent assumes all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of the child to and from school as long as the child remains at the school. If a parent does not enroll their child/children in the school they are approved to attend by the first week of school, the transfer becomes obsolete.

OUR SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY

E. A. Gibson
Arnett Hills International Academy
Forest Hills
Grove Park Preschool
Northside Preschool
Park Avenue
Schoolfield
Woodberry Hills

MIDDLE

O.T. Bonner
Westwood

HIGH SCHOOLS

Galileo Magnet
George Washington

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

6th Grade Academy at Schoolfield
Activ8 STEM Academy
Innov8: GoTech & Cybersecurity Academy
Westwood International Academy
Motiv8: STEM Academy
Early College Program with DCC
Piedmont Governor's School
Academy of Engineering & Technology (AET)
Virtual Academy
R.I.S.E. Academy
Adult and Career Education Center

OTHER PROGRAMS

STEM & Career Academy
Traditional Advanced Learning



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

ACTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

ARNETT HILLS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Danville Public Schools' Preschool Program is a part of the Virginia Preschool Initiative and is a free, high-quality program that prepares little learners for kindergarten. Our program features certified teachers and fun early learning experiences, including music, art, library, indoor centers, and outdoor playtime. Breakfast and lunch and transportation are provided.

In addition, the following information is needed to complete registration:

- Child's Official State Certified Birth Certificate (If you do not have this, it can be ordered now through www.vdh.virginia.gov).
- Income Verification (Most recent W-2 form)
- Most recent immunization record including 4-year-old boosters, as appropriate
- Schedule your child's School Entrance Physical (Must be dated within a year of the first day of school, August 6, 2025)
- One proof of current residency documentation must be provided. The child must reside in the City of Danville with either parent or guardian
- Photo Identification of Parent or Guardian

Danville Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, or handicapping conditions in its educational programs or employment practices.

Grade Level: Pre-Kindergarten

Locations: Grove Park (1070 S Main Street)
and Northside (121 Gloucester Avenue)

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on January 1, 2025 until available slots are filled.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Your child must be 4-years-old by September 30, 2025
- You must be a Danville resident

****Early Special Education Program** for eligible children ages 2-4. Call Grove Park Preschool at 434.799.6437 or Northside Preschool at 434.773.8301 for information on determining eligibility and enrollment requirements.



ACTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

The **Activ8 STEM Academy** is a unique **STEM** and **Career Program** for **grades 3-5**, providing an early introduction to advanced concepts and career exploration. Activ8 aims to activate students' potential, encouraging creative and analytical thinking about global challenges. This innovative academy serves as a foundation for future academic and professional pursuits, selecting students through an application process.

Students in the Activ8 STEM Academy focus on becoming 21st-century global citizens and critical-thinking problem solvers dedicated to improving the world around them. The program offers an engaging learning environment where students collaborate, make evidence-based decisions, and participate in a rigorous academic curriculum. Through this approach, Activ8 prepares young learners to dive deeper into STEM and career concepts, setting the stage for continued growth and exploration in middle and high school.



Grade Levels: 3-5

Location: 825 Piney Forest Road

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Who is Best Suited:

- Highly motivated students who enjoy hands-on learning
- Students who enjoy the challenge of problem-solving
- Students who have a natural curiosity about how things work

ARNETT HILLS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Arnett Hills International Academy offers an engaging and comprehensive educational framework designed for students **grades K-5**. This program fosters inquiry-based learning, encouraging students to make meaningful connections between their studies and the world around them, laying a strong foundation for future academic success. The curriculum is transdisciplinary, comprising the four content areas and opportunities to explore fine arts, music, physical education, language, and more that provide a holistic and well-rounded education.

By participating in this comprehensive K-5 school that offers a student-centered approach to education, students are educated in an environment that reflects the best of educational research, thought leadership, and experience. Preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of our changing world. Students are taught to be agents of their learning and partners in the learning process, prioritizing integrated learning units of study that foster connections and build understanding.

Grade Level: K-5

Location: 680 Arnett Boulevard

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Who is Best Suited:

- Students who are self-motivated and self-directed learners.
- Students who are open-minded, naturally curious, and enjoy experiential learning.
- Students interested in expanding their depth of knowledge in multiple subjects.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE ACADEMY

ACTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

INNOV8: GOTECH & CYBERSECURITY ACADEMY

VIRTUAL ACADEMY

WESTWOOD INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

6TH GRADE ACADEMY

The **Schoolfield Sixth Grade Academy** offers a **comprehensive academic curriculum** designed to provide students with a smooth transition to middle school. This specialized program focuses on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills through engaging, real-world experiences. The academy's structure allows for targeted support tailored to each student's unique learning style, ensuring that all sixth graders receive the attention they need during this important transitional year.

At Schoolfield, students benefit from a balanced approach that combines core academic subjects with opportunities to explore new interests and develop essential skills for success in middle school and beyond. Students can build confidence, foster independence, and prepare for the increased responsibilities of their upcoming middle school years in a supportive environment. This focused sixth-grade experience helps students adapt to new academic challenges while nurturing their individual growth and potential.

Grade Level: 6

Location: 1400 W Main Street

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Who is Best Suited:

- Highly motivated students who enjoy hands-on learning
- Students who enjoy the challenge of problem-solving
- Students who have a natural curiosity about how things work.



ACTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

The **Activ8 STEM Academy** is a **unique STEM and Career program** for grades 6 and 7, providing an early introduction to advanced concepts and career exploration. Located at the I.W. Taylor building, Activ8 aims to activate students' potential, encouraging creative and analytical thinking about global challenges. This innovative academy serves as a foundation for future academic and professional pursuits, selecting students through an application process.

Students in the Activ8 STEM Academy focus on becoming 21st-century global citizens and critical-thinking problem solvers dedicated to improving the world around them. The program offers an engaging learning environment where students collaborate, make evidence-based decisions, and participate in a rigorous academic curriculum. Through this approach, Activ8 prepares learners to dive deeper into STEM and career concepts, setting the stage for continued growth in high school.



Grade Levels: 6-7

Location: 825 Piney Forest Road

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Who is Best Suited:

- Highly motivated students who enjoy hands-on learning
- Students who enjoy the challenge of problem-solving
- Students who have a natural curiosity about how things work.

INNOV8: GO TEC® & CYBERSECURITY ACADEMY

Innov8 offers middle school students **a specialized STEM education** designed to foster curiosity and develop innovative skills. This unique half-day program allows students to divide their time between their base school and the Innov8 campus, seamlessly blending traditional education with advanced STEM learning. The Innov8 curriculum focuses on three key areas: GO TEC®, Engineering Exploration, and Cybersecurity, each contributing to a comprehensive STEM experience.

GO TEC, part of the GO TEC® (Great Opportunities in Technology and Engineering Careers) initiative, is a comprehensive talent pathway program that introduces students to strategic sectors in technology and engineering. This includes automation and robotics, IT coding and networking, precision machining, welding, and other advanced manufacturing and STEM fields. The Engineering Exploration course introduces students to various engineering disciplines through hands-on projects and problem-solving activities. This course not only develops skills in creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration but also provides a solid foundation for those considering engineering careers while cultivating widely applicable skills. The Cybersecurity course rounds out the curriculum by teaching students about digital safety and security. Participants explore computer networks, encryption, and ethical hacking, gaining valuable insights into online security. This program prepares students for the growing field of cybersecurity and promotes a deeper understanding of digital citizenship.

Through these interconnected programs, Innov8 educates and inspires, encouraging students to think critically, innovate, and approach complex problems with confidence. By offering this diverse range of STEM experiences, Innov8 equips middle school students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly technology-driven world, while nurturing their passion for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Grade Levels: 6-8

Location: 141 Goode Street (Langston Campus)

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Who is Best Suited:

- Students interested in exploring various STEM fields and career pathways
- Those who enjoy hands-on, laboratory-based learning experiences
- Individuals who want to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a STEM context



VIRTUAL ACADEMY

The **Virtual Academy** offers an innovative online program tailored for **students in grades 6-12**. Through a dynamic blend of synchronous and asynchronous instruction, this virtual learning environment provides flexibility while maintaining engaging, real-time interactions. Students can progress through their coursework at a pace that suits their individual needs, fostering important skills such as time management and self-motivation alongside their academic growth.

Beyond core subjects, the Academy delivers a comprehensive educational experience, featuring diverse options in art, music, physical education, and career and technical education. The virtual platform facilitates personalized learning experiences, allowing educators to provide attentive support to each student. This approach not only caters to various learning styles but also equips students with valuable digital literacy skills, preparing them for success in an increasingly technology-driven world.



Grade Levels: 6-8

Location: 1045 Halifax Road (Glenwood Campus)

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Who is Best Suited:

- Students who are independent, self-directed, and self-motivated learners.
- Students who are intellectually curious and critical thinkers.
- Students who are responsible and able to manage their time well.

WESTWOOD INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Westwood Middle International Academy offers an engaging and comprehensive educational framework designed for students in **grades 6-8**. This program fosters inquiry-based learning, encouraging students to make meaningful connections between their studies and the world around them, laying a strong foundation for future academic success. The curriculum is cross-curricular, comprising four content areas and multiple opportunities to explore programs of study in the arts, career and technical, and music disciplines.

By participating in this comprehensive 6-8 school that offers a student-centered approach to education, students are educated in an environment that reflects the best of educational research, thought leadership, and experience. Preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of our changing world. Students are taught to be agents of their learning and partners in the learning process, prioritizing integrated learning units of study that foster connections and build understanding. By providing a balanced curriculum, students are afforded choices in educational pathways and decision making.

Grade Levels: 6-8

Location: 500 Apollo Avenue

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Eligibility is based on DPS weighted academic scale.

Who is Best Suited:

- Students who enjoy making connections between their studies and real-world applications
- Learners interested in developing critical thinking skills and an international perspective
- Young people who thrive in a challenging, well-rounded academic environment that prepares them for future educational pursuits



HIGH SCHOOL

GALILEO MAGNET HIGH
VIRTUAL ACADEMY
EARLY COLLEGE
ACADEMY FOR ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
MOTIV8 STEM ACADEMY
STEM AND CAREER ACADEMIES
TRADITIONAL ADVANCED LEARNING

GALILEO MAGNET HIGH

Galileo Magnet High School, serving **grades 9-12**, offers students a unique educational journey through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP), complemented by Advanced Placement courses and traditional offerings. This combination provides a rich, diverse curriculum that caters to a wide range of student interests and aspirations.

As students progress to the DP (ages 16-19), they engage in a rigorous two-year curriculum that includes studying multiple languages and exploring the nature of knowledge itself. Throughout both programmes, students develop key attributes such as inquiry, reflection, and intercultural understanding.

At Galileo, the IB continuum creates a transformative educational experience. Students evolve to well-rounded, globally aware individuals. They graduate not just with a respected qualification, but with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to thrive in an interconnected world. The IB programmes at Galileo prepare students to be active, compassionate, and lifelong learners, ready to make meaningful contributions to their local and global communities.

Grade Levels: 9-12

Location: 230 South Ridge Street

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Eligibility is based on DPS weighted academic scale.

Who is Best Suited:

- Students who are self-motivated and self-directed learners.
- Students who are open-minded, naturally curious, and enjoy experiential learning.
- Students interested in expanding their depth of knowledge in multiple subjects.



VIRTUAL ACADEMY

The **Virtual Academy** offers an innovative online program tailored for **high school students** in **grades 9-12**. Through a dynamic blend of synchronous and asynchronous instruction, this virtual learning environment provides a structured yet flexible approach to education while maintaining engaging, real-time interactions. The program follows a defined curriculum schedule, ensuring students stay on track with their academic goals. This structured online format helps students develop crucial skills such as time management, self-motivation, and independent learning – all essential for success in college and future careers. Beyond core subjects, the Academy delivers a comprehensive high school experience, featuring a wide range of advanced courses, including Advanced Placement options, as well as diverse electives in arts, sciences, technology, career and technical education, and advanced learning options.

The Academy's online high school program emphasizes college and career readiness, combining rigorous academic coursework with opportunities for virtual internships and college preparation activities. Through personalized learning experiences and attentive educator support, students develop valuable digital literacy and online collaboration skills. This approach not only caters to various learning styles but also prepares students for the technology-driven landscapes of higher education and modern workplaces. Through its integration of rigorous academics and modern skill development, the Academy's online high school program equips students to emerge as adaptable, knowledgeable graduates prepared to excel in their future educational and professional endeavors.



Grade Levels: 9-12

Location: 1045 Halifax Road (Glenwood Campus)

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Who is Best Suited:

- Students who are independent, self-directed, and self-motivated learners.
- Students who are intellectually curious and critical thinkers.
- Students who are responsible and able to manage their time well.

EARLY COLLEGE

The **Early College Program** is a **two-year program for rising juniors** that allows students to earn college credits while fulfilling high school credit requirements, culminating in attaining an associate's degree. Students take courses in English, History, Science, and elective courses, all of which culminate in an Associate's degree.

Students spend a significant portion of their day immersed in college-level coursework at Danville Community College. This unique opportunity enables students to engage in an advanced learning environment, interact with college professors, and experience the dynamics of campus life firsthand. While most of their coursework is completed at the community college, students also maintain their connection to their base high school, where they fulfill the remaining graduation requirements. This allows them to stay connected with their high school peers and participate in extracurricular activities and events.

Grade Levels: 11-12

Location: Danville Community College, 1008 South Main Street

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Completion of Algebra 1 & 2 with a C or better.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Satisfactory attendance and behavior
- Teacher recommendations
- Interview

Who is Best Suited:

- Students who are willing to commit to college-level work.
- Self-motivated students who are intellectually curious and critical thinkers.
- Students who are motivated, persevering, and hardworking



ACADEMY FOR ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

The **Academy of Engineering & Technology (AET) program** is a **two-year engineering program**. The program is designed to equip students with a holistic view of career opportunities in engineering and technology and the rigor needed to succeed in college engineering programs. Students in the AET program focus on the fundamentals of analysis, design, and processes.

The AET program is offered at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research. The curriculum includes Engineering, Mathematics, and English courses. Students earn 32 college credit hours. Students complete projects, lectures, and assignments focused on analysis, engineering fundamentals, and project management.



Grade Levels: 11-12

Location: Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, 150 Slayton Avenue

How to Apply: The application window will open on January 21, 2025. View more information on the School Choice Website under Academy for Engineering and Technology.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Completion of Algebra 1 & 2 with a C or better.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Assessment scores
- Teacher Recommendations

Who is Best Suited:

- Students interested in pursuing a career in Engineering.
- Students who enjoy the challenge of problem-solving have a natural curiosity about how things work.
- Students who are willing to commit to college-level work.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

The **Piedmont Governor's School** for Mathematics, Science, and Technology program is a **two-year program for rising juniors** focusing on providing students with a challenging, project-driven, research-based curriculum in a technology-infused environment. The program helps students transition from high school to college.

The Piedmont Governor's School Program is offered at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research. Students take classes related to mathematics, science, and technology. Students earn more than 30 college credit hours. Students complete projects, and lectures, in a laboratory setting.

Grade Levels: 11-12

Location: Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, 150 Slayton Avenue

How to Apply: The application window will open on January 21, 2025. View more information on the School Choice Website under The Piedmont Governor's School Program.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Completion of Algebra 1 & 2 with a C or better.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Assessment scores
- Teacher Recommendations

Who is Best Suited:

- Rising juniors who are interested in pursuing careers in science, mathematics, or technology.
- These students usually enjoy the challenge of research and problem-solving.
- Students who are willing to commit to college-level work.



MOTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

At **Motiv8**, students have the unique opportunity to choose a **specialized program** and follow a **dedicated pathway** throughout their high school career. These pathways are designed to provide in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience in specific fields, with the possibility of earning industry-recognized certifications. By following a pathway, students can graduate with both a high school diploma and valuable skills that prepare them for college or immediate entry into the workforce.

The available pathways include the STEM Academy's Aviation Science track, which offers students a unique opportunity to explore the world of aviation. Participants receive hands-on training in airplane piloting and study aviation logistics, preparing them for potential careers in the aerospace industry. Another option is the Agricultural Technology track, focused on AgroScience. This pathway combines traditional agricultural practices with modern technology. Students learn about environmental management and agricultural sciences, preparing them for careers in sustainable farming, environmental conservation, and related fields.

The Mechatronics engineering pathway introduces students to an interdisciplinary field combining mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering. Participants gain practical skills in designing and maintaining complex systems used in modern manufacturing and automation.

Each pathway offers opportunities for students to earn industry-specific certifications, giving them a competitive edge in their chosen field upon graduation. By offering these specialized pathways, Motiv8 empowers students to take charge of their education and future careers, fostering a new generation of innovative, skilled, and adaptable professionals prepared for success in an ever-changing world.

Grade Levels: 9-12

Location: George Washington High School

Eligibility Requirements: Students should meet with their guidance counselor to discuss the chosen pathway, ensuring it aligns with the student's interests, goals, and academic plan. For dual enrollment courses and certification, students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

How to Apply: Online application for the 2025-2026 School Year will be available on October 21, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Who is Best Suited:

- Students specifically interested in Environmental and Manufacturing Sciences
- Those who enjoy practical, project-based learning approaches
- Students looking to gain early exposure to environmental and manufacturing industries
- Individuals interested in developing skills relevant to future STEM careers or higher education



STEM AND CAREER ACADEMIES

The **STEM and Career Academies Programs** serve students in **grades 6-12**. The various programs provide students with opportunities with knowledge, training, and experience needed to succeed in future careers. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs provide students with hands-on workplace learning tailored to meet the rigorous program standards and interests of students. Students explore careers in eight Career Academies and several pathways within those academies.

Middle School: Students can investigate several STEM & Career pathways.

High School: Students choose pathways based on their interests and career goals and take classes specific to the pathways, allowing them to learn a skill or trade while in high school. This allows students to prepare for specific careers and goals to be workforce or college ready upon graduation. Students can earn industry certifications through these programs, including workplace readiness, WISE Financial Literacy, ServSafe, and more. There are career pathway courses for every grade level, and students from Galileo Magnet High School, George Washington High School, and the Virtual Academy can take advantage of these courses.

Grade Levels: 6-12

Location: Westwood Middle School, O.T. Bonner Middle School, George Washington High School, Galileo Magnet High School, and the Virtual Academy

How to Enroll: Sign up for pathway-specific courses when registering for classes. The Program of Studies has all courses listed by pathway.

Who is best suited:

- Highly motivated students who enjoy hands-on learning and have specific career interests



STEM AND CAREER ACADEMIES

ACADEMIES	PATHWAYS
International Business & Culture	Art Pathway
	Ceramics
	Band
	Orchestra
	Theater
	Dance
	Chorus
	Photojournalism
	Economics/Finance
	World Languages
	Fashion
	Marketing
Building & Manufacturing Technology	Automotive
	Building Trades
	Welding
	Precision Machinery
Health & Human Services	Nurse Aide
	Dental
	Cosmetology
	Strength & Conditioning
	Teachers for Tomorrow
Law & Leadership	NJROTC
	Criminal Justice
Advanced Technology	Automation & Robotics
	Information Technology
	Computer Information Systems
	Gaming & Multimedia Technology
	Mechatronics
Environmental Science	Agriscience (Ag., Food, & Natural Resources)
	Environmental Management
Hospitality & Tourism	Culinary Arts
Aviation Sciences	Aerospace Technology
	Aviation Aircraft Pilot

TRADITIONAL ADVANCED LEARNING

Students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to earn college credit for free through Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Concurrent Courses at Danville Public Schools

Advanced Placement (AP) - AP courses provide students with an introduction to college-level coursework. Students have the opportunity to earn college credits and advanced course placement in college while completing high school course requirements. Courses are offered and taken at each high school.

Eligibility: Students should meet with their guidance counselor to discuss the chosen pathway, ensuring it aligns with the student's interests, goals, and academic plan.

- 9-12 grade students
- Students must have successfully completed prerequisite courses outlined in the Program of Studies.

Dual Enrollment (DE) - DE courses are college courses taken on the high school campus. Students earn college credits and high school credits through Danville Community College.

Eligibility

- 11-12 grade students
- Completion of Algebra 2 with a C or better.
- Teacher or Principal Recommendation
- GPA of 3.0 or higher or eligible college placement assessment score
- Parent written consent

Concurrent Courses - While enrolled in high school students can enroll in a college or university and enroll in college courses.

Eligibility

- 11-12 grade students
- Demonstrate readiness for college
- Meet all college or university requirements and admission criteria
- Approval from principal, college, and parent.



APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT

Fall Early Application Window (October)				
Program/School	Application Opens	Application Closes	Testing/ Screening	Acceptance Notification
Activ8 STEM Academy, Virtual Academy, Arnett Hills, Schoolfield 6th Grade Academy, Westwood International Academy	October 21, 2024	December 1, 2024	N/A	December 6, 2024
Galileo Magnet High School	October 21, 2024	December 1, 2024	November 9, 2024	December 6, 2024
Early College	October 21, 2024	December 1, 2024	N/A	December 6, 2024
Innov8	October 21, 2024	December 1, 2024	N/A	December 6, 2024
Motiv8	October 21, 2024	December 1, 2024	N/A	December 6, 2024
Winter Application Window (January)				
Activ8 STEM Academy, Virtual Academy, Arnett Hills, Schoolfield 6th Grade Academy, Westwood International Academy	January 1, 2025	January 22, 2025	N/A	January 30, 2025
Galileo Magnet High School	January 1, 2025	January 22, 2025	January 25, 2025	January 30, 2025
AET and Governor's School	January 21, 2025	January 31, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 14, 2025
Early College	January 1, 2025	January 22, 2025	N/A	January 30, 2025
Innov8	January 1, 2025	January 22, 2025	N/A	January 30, 2025
Motiv8	January 1, 2025	January 22, 2025	N/A	January 30, 2025
Preschool	January 1, 2025	July 31, 2025	N/A	N/A

All applications are available on www.dpsvac.scriborder.com

TESTING

All students applying to the following programs must participate in assessments specified by the program requirements below:

- Galileo Magnet High School: iReady Assessment in Reading and Mathematics.
- The Academy for Engineering and Technology: NNAT3, Essay, Math and Science Assessment.
- The Piedmont Regional Governor's School: NNAT3, Essay, Math, and Science Assessment.

APPLICATION/ENROLLMENT FOR STUDENTS NEW TO DPS

For families who have recently moved to the Danville Public Schools service area after the regular application window has closed, there is still an opportunity to apply for Choice programs. In these cases, parents or guardians should directly contact the Coordinator of Advanced Learning and Choice Programs at dpsschoolchoice@mail.dps.k12.va.us (434) 799-6400 to initiate the application process.

Students who live outside the Danville Public Schools district are welcome to apply for any of the district's Choice programs. If accepted, these out-of-district students will be required to pay tuition to attend.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Can I complete a paper application rather than complete the online application?**

All applications are completed online. No paper applications are available.

- **Can my child apply to more than one program?**

Students can apply to more than one choice program. However, students will only be able to accept a seat at one school or program.

- **Can I apply if I don't live in Danville, VA?**

Yes, students can apply if they do not live in Danville, Va. Students will need to enroll in Danville Public Schools prior to accepting a seat in a program or school. Additional information and steps are required for out-of-residency students.

- **How do we apply?**

Applications are done via an online application system. Visit the www.danvillepublicschools.org

- **Can I make a correction to my application once it is submitted?**

Yes, you can make changes to an application by logging in to the account. Changes must be made before the application window closes.

- **What will my child need to bring to testing?**

Students do not need to bring any materials to testing. All materials are provided at testing sites.

- **What are the dates, times, and places for testing?**

The dates, times, and places for each program's assessments are listed under "Application and Enrollment."

- **Do I need to remain at the school while my student is testing?**

Since student finish time will vary, it is ideal that parents remain at the testing site. However, parents can not be in the testing session.

- **How long are the tests?**

Testing time is based on each student and could vary between 45 minutes and 3 hours.

- **If my student is accepted, do I need to alert my child's current school?**

Once accepted into the program or school, Danville Public Schools will alert the child's school.

- **If my child is accepted into their school or program, can they start now?**

This application process is for the 2025-2026 school year. Students will start their program or school in the Fall of 2025.

- **Are students accepted into more than one program?**

Based on eligibility, students can receive multiple acceptances. Students will need to select one school or program to attend.



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October 21, 2024 - November 1, 2024

Activ8 STEM Academy, Innov8, Motiv8, Virtual Academy, Arnett Hills International Academy, Schoolfield 6th Grade Academy, Westwood International Academy, Galileo Magnet High School, Early College Program

WINTER APPLICATION WINDOW

January 1 - 22, 2025

Activ8 STEM Academy, Innov8, Motiv8, Virtual Academy, Arnett Hills International Academy, Schoolfield 6th Grade Academy, Westwood International Academy, Galileo Magnet High School, Early College Program

January 21 - 31, 2025

AET and Governor's School

January 1 - July 31, 2025

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