



# EARLY COLLEGE

## AT ALEXANDRIA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Alexandria Public Schools



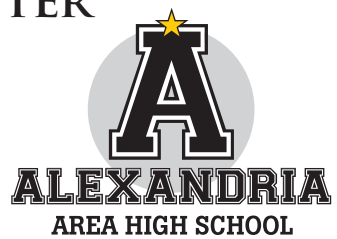
“ Taking college-level and AP courses throughout my years at AAHS has been an opportunity I am grateful to have. These courses have challenged me and pushed me to new ways of thinking. I learned how to study better and manage large loads of schoolwork. These courses have made me feel prepared and confident going into college. It has also expanded my opportunities for the future with the amount of college credit I have gained without taking away the normal high school experience. ”

— Kiera Christensen, AAHS Senior  
HSHS Academy

## COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

The mission of the College and Career Center at Alexandria Area High School is to assist students with all the facets of the high school educational environment in three domains – academic, personal/social, and college/career development. The three are linked for well-rounded student success.

For more information, contact the College & Career Center at AAHS at 320-762-2142 ext. 4502.



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Earn College Credits  
While Attending  
Alexandria Area  
High School



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# STAY, PLAY, LEARN & EARN

## A Focus on Post-Secondary Success

Alexandria Area High School (AAHS) is committed to offering an early college, comprehensive approach to post-secondary success. We have a variety of educational opportunities in place to help your child be prepared for life after high school. This includes many opportunities to earn college credit, all while staying enrolled at Alexandria Area High School and taking courses on the high school campus.

## Stay, Play, Learn & Earn

Alexandria Area High School offers more than 170 courses. Most of our students earn college credits through our advanced course offerings. Our challenging, college-preparatory curriculum, supported by highly qualified and caring teachers, enables students to:

- *Save money on college tuition, fees and books before they graduate from high school.*
- *Stay on the high school campus and receive college credit.*
- *Develop and grow within a safe and effective learning environment.*
- *Get a head start on their college and career preparation.*
- *Stretch themselves academically but stay connected to their school and peer group.*



Taking college-level courses in high school helped expand my learning and sparked my desire for more rigorous courses. As I took on advanced classes, my other classes became much easier; I started to do my homework more time efficiently and created better study habits for myself. Additionally, the CAPS program was another extremely valuable experience; it allowed me to get real-world work experience, allowing me to confirm my career interests. Through CAPS, I had an opportunity to partner with a local business and complete a project I would likely do in my future career. These experiences have laid a strong foundation for my continued academic and professional success.



— Hunter Sellnow, AAHS Senior  
EMTNR Academy

## CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Through partnerships with colleges, students can take college-credit bearing courses taught by college-approved high school teachers, during the regular school day on the high school campus. There is no cost to the student to participate in these courses. Students who successfully complete concurrent enrollment courses generate both high school and transcribed college credit from the partnering college or university.

### AAHS Concurrent Enrollment Courses:

High School Course	Credits	College Course	Description	Credits	Inst.
AP Chemistry	2.0	CHEM 1500	General Chemistry I	4	ATCC
		CHEM 1505	General Chemistry II	4	ATCC
AP Statistics	1.0	MATH 1447	Introduction to Statistics	4	ATCC
CAPS College Intro Education/Lab	.75	ED 101	Introduction to Education & Lab	3	SMSU
CAPS College Principles of Marketing	.75	MKTG 2525	Principles of Marketing	3	ATCC
CAS: <b>Composition I/Literature</b>	2.75	ENGL 1410	Composition I	3	ATCC
CAS: Composition I/Literature		ENGL 2405	Modern American Literature	3	ATCC
CAS: U.S. History, to 1877		HIST 1401	U.S. History, to 1877	3	ATCC
CAS: U.S. History, 1877 to Present		HIST 1402	U.S. History, 1877 to present	3	ATCC
College Algebra	.75	MATH 110	College Algebra	3	SMSU
College American Government	.75	POL 120	American National Government	3	SMSU
College Composition I	.75	ENGL 1410	Composition I	3	ATCC
College Composition II	.75	ENGL 1420	Composition II	3	ATCC
College Composition I (online)	.75	ENGL 1410	Composition I	3	ATCC
College Composition II (online)	.75	ENGL 1420	Composition II	3	ATCC
College General Chemistry I	1.0	CHEM 1500	General Chemistry I	4	ATCC
College General Psychology	.75	PSYC 1445	General Psychology	3	ATCC
College Intro to Computers	.75	ITEC 1430	Intro to Computers	3	ATCC
College Macroeconomics	.75	ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	SMSU
College Physics	.75	PHYS 120	Introductory Physics	3	SMSU
College Physics Lab	.25	PHYS 120L	Introductory Physics Lab	1	SMSU
College Principles of Management	.75	BUS 2220	Principles of Management	3	ATCC
College Public Speaking	.75	COMM 1415	Public Speaking	3	ATCC
College US History to 1877 (online)	.75	HIST 1401	U.S. History to 1877	3	ATCC
College US History, 1877 to present (online)	.75	HIST 1402	U.S. History, 1877 to Present	3	ATCC
Concert Choir	1.0	MUSC 1431	CLC Choir	2	CLC
French 102 (College French III)	1.0	FREN 102	Beginning French II	4	SCSU
French 201 (College French IV)	1.0	FREN 201	Intermediate French I	4	SCSU
Nurse Assist/Home Health Aide	.75	PNSG 1640	Nursing Asst/Home Health Aide	3	ATCC
Sinfonia Orchestra	1.0	MUSC 1420	String Orchestra	2	CLC
Spanish 201 (College Spanish III)	1.0	SPAN 201	Intermediate Spanish I	4	SCSU
Spanish 202 (College Spanish IV)	1.0	SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II	4	SCSU
Wind Ensemble	1.0	MUSC 1408	Central Lakes Wind Symphony	2	CLC

### Benefits:

- *Classes and support offered on high school campus.*
- *Same rigor and content as an on-campus college class.*
- *Credits are transcribed the same as if taken on a college campus.*
- *High school teachers are credentialed through higher ed partners.*
- *Students gain college-level skills for greater success in college.*

### Other information:

- *College credit will transfer according to incoming college/university transfer policies.*
- *Students must meet eligibility guidelines for enrolling in concurrent courses.*

ATCC = Alexandria Technical & Community College  
CLC = Central Lakes College  
SCSU = St. Cloud State University  
SMSU = Southwest MN State University

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Advanced Placement (AP) program provides an opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. AP courses are taught by high school teachers who follow course guidelines developed and published by the College Board. Courses use college-level text books and teach students how to read and write at the college level. At the conclusion of an AP course, students have the opportunity to take the corresponding national AP exam in May. The College Board sets the national test dates for AP exams.

### Benefits:

- Requires students to work at a high level of rigor; prepares you for the college experience.
- Exams are scored on a five-point scale; exams earning a three or higher are considered for college credits.
- Most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores.
- Adjusted grading scale to compensate for added rigor (encouraging students to challenge themselves with rigor with minimal GPA risk).
- Find out the AP credit policies for colleges of interest:  
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

### Other information:

- AP exams are usually given in May; students register for exams in the fall.
- Fee required for AP test; historically the state has paid a portion of that fee.
- One college credit costs hundreds of dollars; each AP test is less than \$75.
- AP college credit varies by school – review AP credit policies for any colleges of interest.

“ I can only begin to explain how transformative the advanced opportunities at AAHS have been for me. At the surface level, enrolling in AP and concurrent enrollment courses has prepared me for the next chapters of my life: college, career, and beyond. However, the most powerful aspect of these opportunities is the resilience they have fostered. This coursework has instilled determination and a love for learning within me. Ultimately, it was never about excelling in coursework but about becoming an individual who embraces growth.”



— Hannah Larson, AAHS  
Senior  
HSHS Academy

### AP Courses at AAHS:

AP Biology  
AP Calculus  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Human Geography  
AP Music Theory (every other year)  
AP Precalculus  
AP Statistics  
AP Studio Art  
AP US History  
AP World History: Modern

For complete information, visit the  
College Board website at:  
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/what-is-ap>

## COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM



The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a College Board program that allows students to earn college credit by demonstrating their mastery of college-level material in introductory subjects through CLEP testing.

- Students successfully completing Alexandria Area High School coursework may want to take a related CLEP exam for possible college credit. College credits are determined by scores on the CLEP tests and individual college CLEP credit policies. To see if your potential college accepts CLEP credit, visit:  
<https://clep.collegeboard.org/school-policy-search>

### Benefits:

- Students may receive credit for what you already know for a fraction of the cost of a college course.
- Most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying CLEP Exam scores.



“ Over my 4 years in high school, I have been able to take advantage of AAHS's numerous college credit opportunities. I took college courses to best prepare myself for the future and get a head start on college-level coursework. After taking college courses in all the core subject areas (and many electives), I can confidently say that taking college courses at the high school was the best choice for me. Rather than pursuing PSEO, staying at the high school allowed me to better connect with my classmates and get more involved with student groups, such as NHS, Ambassadors, and A-Club. In addition, I would not have been able to thrive in these rigorous courses without the support and guidance of the AAHS staff. These courses were essential in challenging and developing myself as a student; I recommend anyone interested in higher education explore some of AAHS's college credit opportunities.”

— Maxwell Chinn, AAHS Senior  
BCE Academy

“ From AP to college classes, all are an excellent way to get a view of the rigor of college while still getting the high school experience. I pondered doing PSEO, but my parents advised against it because they didn't want me to miss my last year in high school. Starting in my sophomore year, I took as many college courses as possible, which were easy to set up due to the wide variety offered at AAHS. Taking college courses gives you the experience of college, the college credits to save money in the long run, and the ability to stay in high school with your friends. These experiences and classes added to my preparedness for college without jumping into the deep end.”

— Dillon Bock, AAHS Senior  
EMTNR Academy



# ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Alexandria Area High School has articulation agreements with the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) and Alexandria Technical and Community College (ATCC). Articulated college credit is earned when a student enrolls in an applicable program at the partner college. Articulated classes are taught by high school teachers in the high school setting. There is no cost to the student.

## Benefits:

- Classes and support offered on high school campus.
- Same rigor and content as an on-campus college class.
- Credits are transcribed by the partner college the same as if taken on a college campus.
- High school teachers are credentialed through higher ed partners.
- Students gain college-level skills for greater success in college.

### North Dakota State College of Science Articulated Course:

#### Complete the following at AAHS

Culinary Arts I  
Culinary Arts II  
Cardinal Café (Culinary Arts III)

#### Earn toward NDSCS Culinary Arts Program

CULN 100 Culinary Fundamentals (3 credits)

### Runestone Partnership Tech Prep Articulated Courses (at Alexandria Technical & Community College):

Students who take this course in grades 10-12 (not 9) and earn a B or better in an ATCC articulated high school course will receive an Articulated College Credit Certificate (issued by ATCC) which is valid for 5 years. Student must present this certificate to ATCC upon enrollment in an applicable program in order to transfer the credit.

#### Complete the following at AAHS

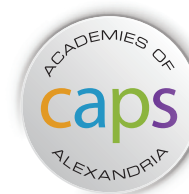
Accounting I

#### Earn toward credit at ATCC

ACCT1501 Accounting for Business (2 credits)

“Throughout my high school experience, I have had the fantastic opportunity to push myself to achievements I never thought were possible. AP classes have extended my critical thinking skills to a higher level, and AAHS college courses have given me a significant advantage when entering my first year of college. The College American course was a terrific decision that challenged me and helped me stay ahead in my credits, boosting my critical thinking and setting me up for future success. I have also loved taking AP/College courses on campus and staying connected with my friends, teachers, coaches, and the AAHS community. I could not be more grateful for all the incredible teachers at AAHS who push me to be my best while teaching me rigorous classroom material at an appropriate level for myself. By choosing to stay at the high school, I've had the opportunity to take CAPS classes, participate in DECA and choir, and be a school Ambassador. All of these opportunities shaped me into the hardworking leader I am today.”

— Faith Odland, AAHS Senior  
BCE Academy



# CENTER FOR ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Developing relationships with business is critical to the success of the Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS). The CAPS program immerses students in real-world experiences in professional settings. These authentic learning experiences provide a competitive edge.

**CAPS Business & College Principles of Marketing** provides an emphasis on marketing business concepts. Students spend the semester applying their acquired knowledge as they engage with partner-driven projects, solving business problems and experiencing the challenges of project-based work.

**CAPS EMTNR** offers students project-based study in an EMTNR career pathway area. Students collaborate with community partners on projects individually tailored to interests in engineering, manufacturing, architecture, agriculture, food and natural resources.

**CAPS Healthcare** offers students a project-based study in the area of health applications. Students will participate in several field experiences and a job shadow experience to explore various career opportunities within the healthcare field.

**CAPS Human Services** provides students with a call to action and the ability to impact change within the community through authentic learning experiences.

**CAPS Teacher Education & College Introduction to Education & Lab** offers students an opportunity to be surrounded by a variety of experiences including classroom observations, internships, mentorships, networking, modeling, and practicum.

## Benefits:

- Students work with an AAHS teacher and business professionals from the partnering company.
- Students earn high school credit and in some cases college credit at the same time.
- Students work side by side with industry experts on authentic projects and tasks all while growing their professional skills.
- Students develop professional skills and expand their resume through internships.

**Career Internship** offers students the opportunity to intern with a local professional in a career of their choice. Career internships may include product design or may be an extension of a CAPS project or experience.

