



Advantage Academy



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GRADES
9-12

ENROLLMENT
1016

CLASS SIZE
13
AVERAGE

DIRECTOR
**Bryan
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MISSION To prepare students for employment and/or postsecondary education in order to become independent, productive citizens on a local, regional, and global level.

NOTEWORTHY

Our Vision

The true measure of our success is not just how many students graduate but the impact our students have in their communities after graduation.

Career & Technology Educational Training (CATE)

Advantage Academy proudly serves students from Wilson High School, South Florence High School, West Florence High School. Many of our programs offer Articulation and/or Dual Credit through Florence-Darlington Technical College.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Curriculum

Automotive Collision Repair ▪ Auto Technology ▪ Aviation ▪ Computer & Information Systems Security/Information Assurance ▪ Construction Technology ▪ Cosmetology ▪ Culinary Arts ▪ Digital Art and Design ▪ Early Childhood Education ▪ Electrical Line Worker ▪ Electricity ▪ Emergency Medical Services ▪ Health Science ▪ Horticulture/Ag Science ▪ Hospitality and Tourism ▪ Networking Systems ▪ Pre-Engineering ▪ Welding Technology

Faculty & Staff

We're a committed team of 24 teachers, 3 administrative staff, 1 CTE guidance counselor, 1 Special Pops coordinator, 1 workbase coordinator, 12 classroom assistants, 7 support staff and 1 nurse; 40% of our teachers hold advanced degrees.

Extracurricular Activities

AI Nautics (FAA Drone Certification program) ▪ Cyber Security Team ▪ Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) ▪ Family ▪ Career and Community Leaders of America (CCCLA) ▪ First Robotics Team ▪ Future Business Leaders of America ▪ (FBLA) Future Farmers of America (FFA) ▪ Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) ▪ National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) ▪ Skills U.S.A. Club ▪ Welding Rodeo Team



COLORS



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EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Apprenticeships
Job Shadowing (On-Site & Virtual)
Internships
Service Learning
Student Apprenticeships
Cooperative Education Mentoring
Structured Field Study

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

• ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) • AWS (American Welding Society) • CCENT (Cisco Certified Entry Networking Technician) • CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) • Early Childhood Certification • First Aid/CPR (American Red Cross) • First Responder (American Red Cross First Aid/ CPR/AED) • IC3 (Internet and Computing Core Certification) • MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) • NCCER (National Center for Construction Educ & Research) • NHSA (National Health Science Assessment) • OSHA (National Workplace Safety) • ProStart (Culinary Arts- SC Hospitality Association) • Safe Sitter (Community & Family Life) • SC Cosmetology License • ServSafe (Culinary Arts Food Safety) • S/P2 (Auto Collision and Auto Technology) • Valvoline (Automotive Engine Performance) • WISE (Financial Literacy Certification) • Pharmacy Technician • Unmanned Aircraft Systems license • Private Pilot's License • Emergency Medical Technician • Pharmacy Technician

SAFETY

The safety of our students is a top priority. We utilize an automated check-in system for visitors and students must wear ID badges at all times.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Our community involvement is showcased in a variety of ways. Our Culinary Arts programs offers catering services for special events; our Welding, Auto Collision and Auto Technology program offers auto repair services; our Nail Technology and Cosmetology program, offers salon services; Horticulture program offers plant sales; and all of our CATE programs have advisory councils comprised of community members. Additionally, through our Work-Based Learning Program we invite guest speakers to visit classrooms through the year, and we host an annual Career Fair.

WORK-BASED OPPORTUNITIES

We partner with more than 30 local businesses to provide Work-Based Learning Opportunities to students. Students are able to demonstrate and gain skills while completing one or more of the following work experience with employers.

- Job shadowing (1-20 hours & non-paid)
- Internship (50-120 hours & non-paid)
- Youth Apprenticeship (1500-2500 hours & paid)

These opportunities give students a comprehensive advantage in workforce entry and advancement in their Career Pathway.

COMMUNITY-BASED TRAINING

Students enrolled in our Community-Based Training or Employment Transition programs are eligible to work at various job sites in our community. Students are required to complete 75 CBT hours and 100 paid hours. Job sites are assigned to students based on their interest, ability, and career cluster. We partner with retail, foodservice, and general labor businesses.

Students are eligible to work at a job site 9-11AM or 12:35-1:35PM. We employ four Transition Assistants who serve as liaisons with our business partners and who transport and monitor students at each location. The Assistants ensure students are learning quality work behaviors, skills, and following workplace rules.