



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

TRANSITION

At Cape Henry Collegiate, our transition students receive high quality instruction that fosters academic confidence and the social-emotional support to become independent, self-directed learners. Our curriculum is designed to support the whole child, encourage creativity and foster curiosity. Skills and concepts learned in transition are the vitally important foundation for future learning.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CHC TRANSITION CLASSROOM?

- Small group instruction with hands-on learning activities
- Opportunities to build skills for independence
- Emphasis on teamwork, collaboration and social development
- Integration of technology and arts in instruction

WHAT DOES THE CHC TRANSITION CURRICULUM LOOK LIKE?

The curriculum encourages a balance between academic and self-directed learning skills. Across subject areas, students gain the confidence to work independently in centers and with peers in small groups. The transition classroom has a teacher's assistant to maximize one-on-one and small group instruction throughout the day. In math, students build on early number sense skills and problem-solving strategies developed in kindergarten. In language arts, they build their reading and comprehension skills through small group instruction. In science, students pose questions, look for answers and explore the natural world around them. Carefully designed, cross-curricular activities in Spanish, art, physical education, music, guidance and library classes support academic and social development.

WHAT KEY SKILLS/CONCEPTS DO CHC TRANSITION CLASSROOMS INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS?

Math

- Create and use number bonds to problem solve
- Add and subtract through 20
- Work with numbers to 100
- Tell time, use money, analyze shapes

Language Arts

- Expand phonemic awareness skills necessary for decoding
- Build comprehension and fluency skills
- Participate in small group reading centers
- Use the writing process in narrative, persuasive and expository writing

Science

- Explore ocean life
- Learn about the human heart, brain, muscles and bones
- Learn how to practice proper nutrition and hygiene
- Design experiments and engineer solutions

Social/Global Studies

- Research geographical landmarks around Australia
- Learn about life in the capital and other major cities
- Study unique animal life in the outback and Great Barrier Reef
- Practice early Indigenous methods of craftsmanship