



The Academy for Advanced Studies 2025-2026 School Profile

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The Academy for Advanced Studies (AAS) is a charter program of choice, providing innovative and flexible learning options for students from all 11 high schools within Henry County, Georgia.

Mission & Vision

The mission of AAS is to offer inspiration through advanced instruction and authentic experiences. The Vision of AAS is to create an environment where our learners grow as individuals while gaining professional expertise and skills.

Administration

CEO/Principal: Dr. Douglas Blackwell
Assistant Principal (A-G): Dr. Anthonette Collie
Assistant Principal (H-O): Mr. Cedric Nash
Assistant Principal (P-Z): Ms. Laura Watts

Student Services

School Counselor (A-G): Ms. Syreeta Poellnitz
School Counselor (H-O): Ms. Tamara Richards
School Counselor (P-Z): Ms. Karen Montgomery
Mental Health/Wellness: Mr. Gary Mayo
School Social Worker: Ms. LaTamika Williams

Henry County Grading Scale

A – 90-100
B – 80-89
C – 74-79
D – 70-73
F – 69 and below

Promotion Policy

(As an accumulation of Carnegie Units)
10th grade – 5 units
11th grade – 11 units
12th grade – 17 units

Graduation Requirements

English/Language Arts	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Science	4 Units
Social Studies	3 Units
Health & Personal Fitness	1 Unit
CTAE/Fine Arts/World Lang.	3 Units
Elective Credits	4 Units
Total	23 Units

AAS Social Media

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/academyforadvancedstudies/>

Twitter- @AAS_HCS

Instagram- hcs_aas

General School Information

Type: **Public, charter school for grades 10th – 12th**

Ethnic Breakdown: **74% African-American, 12% Caucasian, 10% Hispanic, 1% Asian/Pacific Islander, 4% Multiracial/Other**

Number of Students Enrolled: **1105**

Accreditation: **The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC)**

Calendar: **Two 90-day semesters on a block schedule, balanced calendar with fall, Thanksgiving, winter, and spring week breaks.**

Community: **The school is 30 miles south of Atlanta in Henry County. It is one of three specialty high school programs serving all students of all eleven high schools of Henry County. The county is one of the fastest-growing counties in the United States, being in the top ten for the past seven years. Currently, the county can be characterized as rural, with a county population estimate of 125,000. According to the 2019 United States Census Bureau, the city of McDonough has 25,000 residents.**

Special Curriculum Features

The Academy for Advanced Studies offers a full variety of CTAE, Fine Arts, Honors, and Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

CTAE & Fine Arts Pathways offered at AAS (39 Pathways)

School of Business & Design (8)	School of Creative Studies (10)
Cloud Computing Cybersecurity Entrepreneurship Fashion, Merchandising, and Retail Management Financial Services Game Design Hospitality, Recreation, and Tourism Marketing Communications & Promotions	Audio-Video Technology & Film II Dance Graphic Design Graphic Communication Music Technology Personal Care Services - Cosmetology Technical Theatre Theatre/Acting Visual Arts – Ceramics & Pottery Visual Arts – Sculpture
School of Engineering, Power & Automation (10)	School of Wellness & Community Services (11)
Carpentry Electrical Electronics Energy & Power Engineering, Drafting & Design General Automotive Technology Masonry Mechatronics Plumbing Welding	Baking and Pastry Culinary Arts Early Childhood Care & Education II Emergency Medical Technician Equine Science JROTC- Navy Pharmacy Phlebotomy Teaching as a Profession Therapeutic Services/Exercise Physiology Veterinary Science

Technical Certificate of Credits (TCC) offered at AAS through Southern Crescent Technical College (14)

Automotive Collision Repair Assistant I
Barbering Assistant
Criminal Justice Fundamentals
Criminal Justice Specialist
Emergency Medical Technician
Industrial Electrician
Industrial Fluid Power Technician
Logistics and Supply Chain Technician
Mechatronics Technician
NCCER Gas Metal Arc Welding
NCCER Shielded Metal Arc Welding
Nurse Aide
Prep Cook
Salon and Spa Support Specialist

Honors & Advanced Placement Academic Courses

Honors Courses	AP Courses
Honors 10 th Literature & Comp II	AP Calculus
Honors American Literature	AP Computer Science Principles
Honors British Literature	AP English Literature
Honors Geometry	AP Environmental Science
Honors Advanced Algebra	AP Language/Comp/American Literature
Honors Pre-Calculus	AP Macroeconomics
Honors Biology	AP Precalculus
Honors Chemistry	AP Psychology
Honors World History	AP Studio Art 3-D
Honors US History	AP US History
Honors American Government	AP World History
Honors Personal Finance and Economics	
Honors Spanish II	
Honors Spanish III	
Honors Spanish IV	

Dual Enrollment

Students have the option to enroll in a college to earn both high school and college credits. The program for the state of Georgia is called Dual Enrollment and is reflected on a student's transcript with DE (Dual Enrollment) as the course title.

Henry County partners with Clayton State University, Gordon State College, and Southern Crescent Technical College. AAS serves as a satellite campus for both Clayton State University and Gordon State College.