Alliance Academy for Innovation

Frequently Asked Questions

What students are zoned for Alliance Academy? *Alliance Academy serves all of Forsyth County GA. Any 8th grader that is a resident of Forsyth County and enrolled in a Forsyth County middle school at the time of application may apply in the fall of 8th grade year to attend Alliance.*

How are students chosen for admittance to Alliance? *Students are chosen by a lottery held each November. Any student who wants to attend Alliance must apply via the Out of District Request form open each October-November. Application windows vary each year and will be publicized on the Alliance Academy website and on social media. Once a student applies, their academic, behavior and attendance records are reviewed. Any student who is in good standing academically and has not demonstrated excessive unexcused absences or major violations of the FCS Code of Conduct will be entered into the lottery. Click HERE for more information about AAI lottery procedures.*

How many students are accepted to Alliance? *We accept approximately 350 freshmen each year, depending on pathway availability.*

What pathways are available at Alliance? *Check the AAI website for current pathway options. Students will be able to select up to two pathway options during the application process. After the lottery, students will be notified of which pathway they will begin in the freshman year. Most AAI students complete at least two pathways by beginning a second pathway in the sophomore year.*

What if I don't get accepted to Alliance in 9th grade? Can I reapply for 10th grade? *Students who are not accepted in the lottery in November are placed on a waiting list. If a spot opens in the desired pathway(s) we will contact the student's family, and they will be added to the acceptance list. We do occasionally allow sophomores to transfer to Alliance in the 10th grade if they are still on the waiting list from the previous year and are interested in an available pathway.*

What if I don't like my pathway and want to change it? *AAI students are expected to finish the pathway they are awarded in the freshman year. Each pathway has three courses, so most students can finish at least two pathways while at Alliance.*

Does Alliance have clubs and organizations? What about sports and other extracurricular activities? *Students at AAI can join many clubs, honor societies and organizations, and we have very active CTSO chapters (DECA, TSA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, First Robotics, FBLA). Check the AAI website for a list of current clubs. Our students compete and gain awards and leadership skills through the CTSOs and organizations. Students who want to participate in GSHA sports may do so at their districted high school.*

Can students take online courses during the summer and school year? *Alliance Academy for Innovation is committed to a collaborative learning environment focusing on career pathways and cross-curricular connections, which is best accomplished through face-to-face instruction. Therefore, during the school day, online course options at Alliance Academy are limited and must be approved by administration. In accordance with GA Code § 20-2-319.1, students interested in pursuing online courses can do so by enrolling at their districted high school.*

All Forsyth County students have the option of taking ONE online course (self-pay) each semester and one online course in the summer. If a student takes a course in the summer and submits the transcript with a passing grade, they will be placed in the next level course. We strongly encourage students to engage in learning experiences outside of the classroom during the summers, i.e., travel, work, volunteering, internships, camps, etc.

Does Alliance offer AP courses and Dual Enrollment? *AAI offers 24 AP courses and many of our students enroll in Dual Enrollment as well. Most of our elective courses are related to our pathway courses. Check the AAI website for the most up to date list of courses offered.*

Can students do internships? *Juniors and Seniors can apply for Work Based Learning, where students earn credits for both paid and unpaid internships.*

What about taking Health and Personal Fitness before 9th grade? Is that recommended? *Rising 9th graders who take Health and Personal Fitness in the summer will be placed in a second pathway introductory course, as available. We recommend that 9th graders take Health and Personal Fitness here during freshman year as it gives those students an opportunity to meet other freshmen and make new friends.*

How do students get to Alliance? ***S****tudents may ride their neighborhood bus to their districted high school, and then take the bus to Alliance. At the end of the school day students are bused back to the districted high school and then home. Students may also be dropped off at Alliance and student drivers may purchase a parking pass to park on campus.*

My student attends private/home school. Can they apply to Alliance? *We accept rising 9th graders who are residents of Forsyth County* ***and*** *are currently enrolled in a Forsyth County middle school. Private school/home school students are not eligible to apply for Alliance Academy.*

How do I get more information about Alliance? *Families can attend a presentation to learn about the many programs offered at our high schools called Pathway Motiv8. We also host two Information Nights at Alliance for prospective students and their families to come and learn more about our school and our pathways. Check the AAI website for those dates and more information.*

Important dates for the 2026-27 School Year:

- **Pathway Motiv8** Oct. 14, 2025, 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM at FoCAL Center
- **Experience Alliance Nights** Oct. 30, 2025, and Nov. 4, 2025
- **Out of District Application window**
    - Oct. 13 – Nov. 14, 2025
        - The application will be available on the FCS website and the AAI website
        - This form is used for all Out of District Requests. When you select Alliance Academy as your choice you will be prompted to enter your pathway choice(s)