

# SCHOOL CHOICE GUIDE



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## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD



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On behalf of the Danville School Board, we are excited to offer choices for our students, based on interests and future career paths. From traditional programming to STEM to trades, there are programs for each student and each learning preference. It is our desire to see every student succeed and thrive. By offering varied programs, Danville families can tailor academic pathways for their scholars. Take a look, at this guide, to learn about all the offerings available to our students, from pre-kindergarten to high school, and learn how to take advantage of these programs, schools, and classes.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



### SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

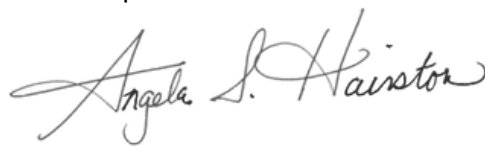
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Danville Public Schools provides students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade with various School Choice options tailored to meet the needs and interests of all students. The programs allow students to discover their talents and interests while focusing on academic rigor. Over the past few years, DPS has increased the number and quality of these options, all focused on ensuring students graduate from high school ready for college or the workforce. Starting in elementary school, families have the opportunity to choose their scholar's academic path, whether that includes advanced academics, STEM, Career and Technical Education, athletics, fine arts, and more. If you have questions about any of our programs, please reach out to us to help set your child's path.



Dr. Angela Hairston, Superintendent

# WHAT IS SCHOOL CHOICE?

## **Explore Your Child's Learning Path with Danville Public Schools**

Danville Public Schools is proud to offer a wide variety of learning opportunities for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. These options include traditional classroom settings, advanced academic programs, hands-on STEM experiences, and more. Every school, program, and class is designed with students' unique needs, strengths, and interests in mind.

We believe that when students are engaged in learning that matches their talents and passions—whether in science, technology, the arts, world languages, or skilled trades—they are more likely to thrive. That's why we offer choice programs that provide academic challenges while supporting each child's personal interests.

In this guide, you'll find information about the special choice programs available in our district. As a family, you can:

- Apply to one or more of our special choice programs
- Choose to stay at your child's districted (neighborhood) school
- Request a transfer to a different school within the district

Our goal is to help every student find the learning environment that best supports their growth and success. We are excited to partner with you in choosing the best path for your child's future.

*Danville Public Schools does not discriminate based on sex, race, color, religion, or disability in its programs or employment.*

# PERMISSIVE TRANSFER PROCESS

Danville Public Schools offers families the option to request a transfer to another school within the district, based on available space and school designation. **This process is separate from the Choice Program application.**

If you would like your child to attend a school other than their zoned school, complete the transfer application at [www.danvillepublicschools.org/families/school-registration](http://www.danvillepublicschools.org/families/school-registration) and submit it to the Chief of Schools.

For questions, contact the Chief of Schools at [transfers@mail.dps.k12.va.us](mailto:transfers@mail.dps.k12.va.us) or (434) 799-6400.

## **Application Window**

March 1 – April 1, 2026

## **Important Reminders**

- Transfers are only approved if space is available in the requested school and grade.
- Families must provide their own transportation for the entire duration of the transfer.
- If a student does not enroll in the approved school by the first week of school, the transfer will be canceled.
- Parents/guardians will be notified of the decision by May 1, 2026.

# OUR SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

## **ELEMENTARY**

Arnett Hills  
E. A. Gibson  
Forest Hills  
Grove Park Preschool  
Northside Preschool  
Park Avenue  
Schoolfield  
Woodberry Hills

## **MIDDLE**

O.T. Bonner  
Westwood

## **HIGH SCHOOLS**

Galileo Magnet  
George Washington

## **CHOICE PROGRAMS**

6th Grade Academies at Schoolfield and Arnett Hills  
Academy of Engineering & Technology (AET)  
Activ8 STEM Academy  
Arnett Hills International Academy  
Early College  
Piedmont Governor's School  
Westwood International Academy

## **OTHER PROGRAMS**

Early Associate's Degree Pathway  
Innov8: GO TEC® & Cybersecurity Academy  
Motiv8: STEM Academy  
STEM & Career Academy  
Traditional Advanced Opportunities  
R.I.S.E Academy  
Adult & Career Education Center



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

ACTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

ARNETT HILLS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

# PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

**Danville Public Schools'** free, high-quality Preschool Program, part of the Virginia Preschool Initiative, prepares young learners for kindergarten with certified teachers and engaging activities like music, art, library time, and indoor/outdoor play. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation are provided.

To complete registration, please provide:

- Child's official state-certified birth certificate (can be ordered at [www.vdh.virginia.gov](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov))
- Parent/guardian photo ID
- Income verification (most recent W-2)
- Current immunization record (including 4-year-old boosters, if applicable)
- Proof of physical exam (dated within one year of school start)
- One proof of current Danville residency

**Grade Level:** Pre-K3 and Pre-K4

**Locations:** Grove Park (1070 S Main Street) and Northside (121 Gloucester Avenue)

**How to Apply:** Online application for the 2026-2027 School Year will be available on January 1, 2026 until available slots are filled. Notification regarding selection may not be completed until mid- to late-June 2026.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Your child must be 3- or 4-years-old by September 30, 2026.
- You must be a Danville resident

\*\*Early Special Education Program for eligible children ages 2-4. Call Grove Park Preschool at 434.799.6437 or Northside Preschool at 434.773.8301 for information on determining eligibility and enrollment requirements.\*\*



# ACTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

The **Activ8 STEM Academy** is a **STEM** and **Career Program** for **grades 3-5**, providing an early introduction to advanced concepts and career exploration. Activ8 aims to activate students' potential, encouraging creative and analytical thinking about global challenges. This innovative academy serves as a foundation for future academic and professional pursuits, selecting students through an application process.

Students develop as global citizens and critical thinkers, engaging in a rigorous, collaborative learning environment focused on real-world problem-solving. Activ8 fosters a passion for STEM and career exploration, preparing students for continued growth in middle and high school. **Turn to page 12, to learn about the 6 - 8 program.**



**Grade Levels:** 3-5

**Location:** 825 Piney Forest Road

**How to Apply:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows. **Current Activ8 students do not need to reapply.**

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis considering the student's GPA; math and science performance; and their expressed interest in STEM.

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Highly motivated students who enjoy hands-on learning in STEM areas
- Students who enjoy the challenge of problem-solving
- Students who have a natural curiosity about how things work

# ARNETT HILLS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

**Arnett Hills International Academy** offers an engaging and comprehensive educational framework designed for students **grades K-5**. As a **cohort group**, at each grade level, this program is held on the campus of Arnett Hills Elementary and fosters inquiry-based learning, encouraging students to make meaningful connections between their studies and the world around them, laying a strong foundation for future academic success. The curriculum is transdisciplinary, comprising the four content areas and opportunities to explore fine arts, music, physical education, language, and more that provide a holistic and well-rounded education.

By participating in this comprehensive K-5 program that offers a student-centered approach to education, students are educated in an environment that reflects the best of educational research, thought leadership, and experience. Preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of our changing world. Students are taught to be agents of their learning and partners in the learning process, prioritizing integrated learning units of study that foster connections and build understanding.

**Grade Levels:** K-5

**Location:** 811 Northmont Blvd

**How to Apply:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows. **Current International Academy students do not need to reapply.**

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis considering the student's GPA; reading and math performance; and their expressed curiosity about the world.

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Students who are self-motivated and self-directed learners.
- Students who are open-minded, naturally curious, and enjoy experiential learning.
- Students interested in expanding their depth of knowledge in multiple subjects.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE ACADEMY

ACTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

WESTWOOD INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

# 6TH GRADE ACADEMY

The **Sixth Grade Academies at Schoolfield and Arnett Hills** offer a **comprehensive academic curriculum** designed to provide students with a smooth transition to middle school. This specialized program focuses on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills through engaging, real-world experiences. The academy's structure allows for targeted support tailored to each student's unique learning style, ensuring that all sixth graders receive the attention they need during this important transitional year.

At both academies, students benefit from a balanced approach that combines core academic subjects with opportunities to explore new interests and develop essential skills for success in middle school and beyond. Students can build confidence, foster independence, and prepare for the increased responsibilities of their upcoming middle school years in a supportive environment.

**Grade Level:** 6

**Location:** 1400 W Main Street (Schoolfield) and 811 Northmont Blvd (Arnett Hills)

**How to Apply:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis considering the student's performance in all core content areas and their expressed curiosity about learning. Students zoned for Schoolfield and Arnett Hills are prioritized.

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Students who thrive in hands-on learning environments, enjoy tackling real-world problems, and are naturally curious about how things work.



# ACTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

The **Activ8 STEM Academy** is a **STEM and Career program** for **grades 6-8**, providing continued exposure to advanced concepts and career exploration. Activ8 aims to nurture students' potential by encouraging creative and analytical thinking about global challenges. This innovative academy serves as a foundation for future academic and professional pursuits, selecting students through an application process.

Students in the Activ8 STEM Academy focus on becoming 21st-century global citizens and critical-thinking problem solvers dedicated to improving the world around them. The program offers an engaging learning environment where students collaborate, make evidence-based decisions, and participate in a rigorous academic curriculum. Through this approach, Activ8 prepares learners to dive deeper into STEM and career concepts, setting the stage for continued growth in high school.



**Grade Levels:** 6-8

**Location:** 825 Piney Forest Road

**How to Apply:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows. **Current Activ8 students do not need to reapply.**

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis considering the student's GPA; math and science performance; and their expressed interest in STEM.

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Highly motivated students who enjoy hands-on learning
- Students who enjoy the challenge of problem-solving
- Students who have a natural curiosity about how things work.



# WESTWOOD INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

**Westwood Middle International Academy** offers an engaging and comprehensive educational framework designed for students in **grades 6-8**. As a **cohort group**, at each grade level, this choice program is held on the campus of Westwood Middle and fosters inquiry-based learning, encouraging students to make meaningful connections between their studies and the world around them, laying a strong foundation for future academic success. The curriculum is cross-curricular, comprising four content areas and multiple opportunities to explore programs of study in the arts, career and technical, and music disciplines.

By participating in this comprehensive 6-8 program that offers a student-centered approach to education, students are educated in an environment that reflects the best of educational research, thought leadership, and experience. Preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of our changing world. Students are taught to be agents of their learning and partners in the learning process, prioritizing integrated learning units of study that foster connections and build understanding.

**Grade Levels:** 6-8

**Location:** 500 Apollo Avenue

**How to Apply:** Online application for the 2026-2027 School Year will be available on October 20, 2025 and January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis considering the student's GPA; reading and math performance; and their expressed curiosity about the world.

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Students who enjoy making connections between their studies and real-world applications
- Learners interested in developing critical thinking skills and an international perspective



# HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMY FOR ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

EARLY COLLEGE

GALILEO MAGNET HIGH

PIEDMONT GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

# ACADEMY FOR ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

The **Academy of Engineering & Technology (AET) program** is a **two-year engineering program**. The program is designed to equip students with a holistic view of career opportunities in engineering and technology and the rigor needed to succeed in college engineering programs. Students in the AET program focus on the fundamentals of analysis, design, and processes.

The AET program is offered at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research. The curriculum includes Engineering, Mathematics, and English courses. Students complete projects, lectures, and assignments focused on analysis, engineering fundamentals, and project management. As a result of this rigorous coursework, students earn 32 college credit hours. Students remain enrolled at their base high school to meet graduation requirements and stay involved in extracurricular activities.



**Grade Levels:** 11-12

**Location:** Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, 150 Slayton Avenue

**How to Apply:** The application window will open on February 2, 2026. View more information on the School Choice Website under Academy for Engineering and Technology.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Completion of Algebra 1 & 2 with a C or better.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Writing essay
- Teacher Recommendations

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Students interested in pursuing a career in Engineering.
- Students who enjoy the challenge of problem-solving have a natural curiosity about how things work.
- Students who are willing to commit to college-level work.



# GALILEO MAGNET HIGH

**Galileo Magnet High School (grades 9–12)** offers a distinctive academic experience through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) and Diploma Programme (DP), alongside honors, AP, dual enrollment, and traditional courses.

The MYP, for grades 9–10, emphasizes inquiry-based learning, critical thinking, and real-world connections to prepare students for advanced studies. In grades 11–12, students enter the rigorous DP, which includes multi-language study and exploration of global issues. The DP is internationally recognized for developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and college readiness.

Galileo’s IB programs are supported by a dedicated faculty who guide students through a challenging yet rewarding academic journey, equipping them with the skills and mindset needed for future leadership and lifelong learning.

**Grade Levels:** 9-12

**Location:** 230 South Ridge Street

**How to Apply:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis considering the student’s GPA; reading and math performance on a standardized assessment; and their expressed curiosity about the world.

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Students who are self-motivated and self-directed learners.
- Students who are open-minded, naturally curious, and enjoy experiential learning.
- Students interested in expanding their depth of knowledge in multiple subjects.



# EARLY COLLEGE

The **Early College Program** is a two-year dual enrollment opportunity designed for rising high school juniors. Through this program, students work toward earning an **Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts** from **Danville Community College** (DCC) while simultaneously completing their high school diploma requirements.

Students enrolled in Early College take most of their classes on the DCC campus, where they learn from college professors and gain firsthand experience in a college setting. This includes exposure to the expectations, structure, and independence of college life—providing a strong foundation for future academic and career success. Students remain enrolled at their base high school to meet graduation requirements and stay involved in extracurricular activities.

**Grade Levels:** 11-12

**Location:** Danville Community College, 1008 South Main Street

**How to Apply:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Completion of Algebra 1 & 2 with a C or better.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Satisfactory attendance and behavior
- Teacher recommendations
- Interview conducted by staff from Danville Public Schools and Danville Community College

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Students who are willing to commit to college-level work.
- Self-motivated students who are intellectually curious and critical thinkers.
- Students who are motivated, persevering, and hardworking



# PIEDMONT GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

The **Piedmont Governor's School** for Mathematics, Science, and Technology program is a **two-year program for rising juniors** focusing on providing students with a challenging, project-driven, research-based curriculum in a technology-infused environment. The program helps students transition from high school to college.

The Piedmont Governor's School Program is offered at the **Institute for Advanced Learning and Research**. Students take classes related to mathematics, science, and technology. Students complete projects and lectures, in a laboratory setting. The Piedmont Governor's School Program allows students to earn more than 30 college credit hours. Students remain enrolled at their base high school to meet graduation requirements and stay involved in extracurricular activities.

**Grade Levels:** 11-12

**Location:** Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, 150 Slayton Avenue

**How to Apply:** The application window will open on February 2, 2026. View more information on the School Choice Website under The Piedmont Governor's School Program.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Completion of Algebra 1 & 2 with a C or better.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Assessment scores from the NNAT3, a math assessment, a reading assessment, and an essay
- Teacher Recommendations

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Rising juniors who are interested in pursuing careers in science, mathematics, or technology.
- These students usually enjoy the challenge of research and problem-solving.
- Students who are willing to commit to college-level work.



# OTHER PROGRAMS

EARLY ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE PATHWAY

INNOV8: GO TEC<sup>®</sup> & CYBERSECURITY

MOTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

STEM AND CAREER ACADEMIES

TRADITIONAL ADVANCED LEARNING

# EARLY ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE PATHWAY

The **Early Associate's Degree Pathway** at George Washington High School serves 9th and 10th graders in a cohort taking honors and AP courses designed to challenge them and prepare for college-level work. The curriculum connects subjects for deeper understanding and real-world application. In 10th grade, students are encouraged to apply to one of these programs: Early College, Academy for Engineering & Technology (AET), Piedmont Governor's School, or Motiv8 2.0. Motiv8 2.0 offers an accelerated path to earn CTE credentials in Aviation Sciences, Environmental Science, and Mechatronics alongside an Associate Degree.

Early College students follow a direct route to an Associate's Degree. Students in AET, Piedmont Governor's School, or Motiv8 2.0 must follow specific courses in grades 11 and 12 to stay on track for a Liberal Arts Associate's Degree.

**Grade Levels:** 9-10

**Location:** George Washington High

**How to Apply:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Completed Algebra 1 with a C or better
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Good attendance and behavior
- Teacher recommendations
- Some students may need Summer Acceleration to join their cohort

**Who is Best Suited:**

- High-achieving, motivated students
- Strong critical thinkers and problem-solvers
- Responsible students with perseverance and work ethic
- Students pursuing an associate's degree in high school
- Students interested in earning CTE credentials in Aviation Sciences, Environmental Science, or Mechatronics



# INNOV8: GO TEC<sup>®</sup> & CYBERSECURITY ACADEMY

**Innov8** offers middle school students a specialized STEM program that blends traditional learning with advanced STEM education at the Innov8 campus. Students split their time between their base school and Innov8.

The curriculum focuses on four key areas:

- **GO TEC<sup>®</sup>**: Introduces technology and engineering careers like robotics, coding, precision machining, and welding.
- **Engineering Exploration**: Hands-on projects develop creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork while exploring engineering fields.
- **Cybersecurity**: Teaches digital safety, computer networks, encryption, and ethical hacking to prepare students for cybersecurity careers and responsible digital citizenship.
- **Aviation Science**: Provides students with foundational knowledge and skills related to aviation, sparking interest in aerospace careers.

This program fosters curiosity, innovation, and skills needed for future STEM success.

**Grade Levels:** 6-8

**Location:** Langston Campus, 141 Goode Street (Students attend their base middle school and are transported to the Innov8 program during elective class time.)

**How to Enroll:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Students should meet with their school counselor to confirm that the Innov8 pathway fits their interests and goals. **See page 24 for related STEM and Career Academies.**

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Students interested in exploring various STEM fields and career pathways
- Those who enjoy hands-on, laboratory-based learning experiences
- Individuals who want to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a STEM context



# MOTIV8 STEM ACADEMY

Motiv8 gives high school students the chance to choose a focused program and follow a career-ready pathway throughout high school. Each pathway combines in-depth learning with hands-on experience and may lead to industry-recognized certifications. Students can graduate with both a high school diploma and real-world skills to prepare for college or the workforce.

Current pathway options include:

- **Aviation Science:** Explore the world of flight and aviation careers.
- **Environmental Science:** Learn how traditional farming meets modern tech through AgroScience.
- **Mechatronics Engineering:** Gain skills in mechanical, electrical, and computer systems used in automation and manufacturing.

Motiv8 helps students take charge of their future by building confidence, skills, and career readiness in high-demand fields.



**Grade Levels:** 9-12

**Location:** George Washington High School

**How to Enroll:** The online application for the 2026–2027 school year opens on October 20, 2025, and again on January 1, 2026. A summer window may open if space allows.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Students should meet with their school counselor to confirm that the Motiv8 pathway fits their interests and goals. **See page 25 for related STEM and Career Academies.** For dual enrollment courses and certification, students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

**Who is Best Suited:**

- Interested in Environmental, Aviation, or Manufacturing Sciences
- Enjoy hands-on, project-based learning
- Seek early exposure to STEM industries
- Want to build skills for STEM careers or college

# STEM AND CAREER ACADEMIES

The **STEM and Career Academies Programs** serve students in **grades 6-12**. These programs provide students with hands-on learning, training, and real-world experience to prepare for college and careers.

- **Middle School:** Students explore various STEM and career pathways.
- **High School:** Students choose a pathway aligned with their interests and take focused courses to build skills in specific trades or careers. They can also earn industry certifications such as Workplace Readiness, WISE Financial Literacy, and ServSafe.

Pathway courses are available at every grade level, and students at Galileo and George Washington High Schools can fully participate.

**Grade Levels:** 6-12

**Location:** Westwood Middle School, O.T. Bonner Middle School, George Washington High School and Galileo Magnet High School.

**How to Enroll:** Sign up for pathway-specific courses when registering for classes. **Please see pages 24 and 25 for a list of the available STEM and Career Academies.** Course registration typically begins at the beginning of the spring semester.

**Who is best suited:**

- All students who enjoy hands-on learning and have specific career interests



# MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM AND CAREER ACADEMIES

ACADEMIES	PATHWAYS
<b>International Culture</b>	Art, Ceramics, & Photojournalism Pathway
	Band
	Chorus
	Dance
	Orchestra
	World Language
	Theatre
<b>International Business</b>	Marketing
<b>Building &amp; Manufacturing Technology</b>	GO TEC® (Innov8 Only)
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	Family Consumer Science & Exploratory
<b>Law &amp; Leadership</b>	Middle School Junior Cadet
<b>Advanced Technology</b>	Cybersecurity (Innov8 Only)
	Engineering (Innov8 Only)
	IT & Computer Information Systems
	Gaming & Multimedia Technology
<b>Environmental Science</b>	Agriscience Pathway
<b>Aviation Sciences</b>	Aerospace (Innov8 Only)

# HIGH SCHOOL STEM AND CAREER ACADEMIES

ACADEMIES	PATHWAYS
<b>International Business &amp; Culture</b>	Art
	Band
	Ceramics
	Chorus
	Dance
	Finance
	Marketing
	Orchestra
	Photojournalism
	Theatre
	World Languages
<b>Building &amp; Manufacturing Technology</b>	Automotive
	Building Trades
	Precision Machinery
	Welding
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	Cosmetology
	Dental
	Fashion
	Nurse Aide
	Strength & Conditioning
	Teachers for Tomorrow
<b>Law &amp; Leadership</b>	Criminal Justice
	NJROTC
<b>Advanced Technology</b>	Automation & Robotics
	Information Technology
	IB Management (Galileo Only)
	Mechatronics (Motiv8 Only)
<b>Environmental Science</b>	Environmental Management (Motiv8 Only)
<b>Hospitality &amp; Tourism</b>	Culinary Arts
<b>Aviation Sciences</b>	Aviation Logistics (Motiv8 Only)
	Aviation Aircraft Pilot (Motiv8 Only)

# TRADITIONAL ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES

**Advanced Placement (AP)** - AP courses are college-level classes offered in high school and taught by high school teachers. They're designed by the College Board (the same organization that runs the SAT) to give students a chance to experience more challenging material and potentially earn college credit while still in high school. Students are expected to take the AP Exam. Many colleges award credit for scores of 3 or higher (though this varies by institution).

**Eligibility:** Students should meet with their school counselor to discuss AP enrollment, ensuring it aligns with the student's interests, goals, and academic plan.

- 9-12 grade students
- Students must have successfully completed prerequisite courses outlined in the Program of Studies.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)** - IB courses are part of a globally recognized academic program that challenges high school students to think critically, write clearly, and understand the world from multiple perspectives. The IB program is known for its rigor, depth, and international focus. Students are expected to take the IB Exam. Like AP, many colleges/universities offer credit or advanced placement for high scores on IB exams (though this varies by institution).



*Discuss these options with your counselor to enroll.*

**Dual enrollment (DE)** - Dual Enrollment courses allow high school students to earn both high school and college credit at the same time. These classes are taught at the high school by qualified teachers and follow college-level standards. While Virginia's public colleges and universities must have policies to accept DE credits, not all credits will apply to every degree program—this depends on the college and major.

### Eligibility

- Grades 11–12, or students with advanced coursework
- Completion of Algebra 2 with a C or better.
- Teacher or Principal Recommendation
- GPA of 3.0 or higher or qualifying college placement test score
- Parent/guardian written consent

### Additional Dual Enrollment Opportunities:

- **Passport Program** – A one-semester program where students earn 15 college credits toward the Uniform Certificate of General Studies.
- **Uniform Certificate of General Studies** – A full-year program where students earn 30 college credits.

Both programs may be taken online or in person, based on course availability through Danville Community College and Danville Public Schools.

### Eligibility

- Grades 11–12, or students with advanced coursework
- Completion of Algebra 2 with a C or better.
- Teacher or Principal Recommendation
- GPA of 3.0 or higher or qualifying college placement test score
- Parent/guardian written consent

### CTE Dual Enrollment Eligibility:

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Enrolled in a qualifying Career and Technical Education course

# APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT

## Fall Early Application Window (October)

Program/School	Application Opens	Application Closes	Test Date:	Acceptance Notification
6th Grade Academies, Activ8 STEM Academy, Arnett Hills International Academy, Early Associate's Degree Pathway, Innov8, GO TEC®, Motiv8, Westwood International Academy	October 20, 2025	October 31, 2025	N/A	December 1, 2025
Early College	October 20, 2025	October 31, 2025	N/A	December 1, 2025
Galileo Magnet High (IB)	October 20, 2025	October 31, 2025	November 8, 2025 November 15, 2025	December 1, 2025

## Spring Application Window (January)

6th Grade Academies, Activ8 STEM Academy, Arnett Hills International Academy, Early Associate's Degree Pathway, Innov8, GO TEC®, Motiv8, Westwood International Academy	January 1, 2026	January 16, 2026	N/A	January 31, 2026
Academy for Engineering & Technology (AET) and Piedmont Governor's School	February 2, 2026	February 6, 2026	February 14, 2026	February 21, 2026
Early College	January 1, 2026	January 16, 2026	N/A	January 31, 2026
Galileo Magnet High (IB)	January 1, 2026	January 16, 2026	January 17, 2026 January 24, 2026	January 31, 2026
Preschool	January 1, 2026	July 31, 2026	N/A	N/A

## Late Application Window (June)

6th Grade Academies, Activ8 STEM Academy, Arnett Hills International Academy, Early Associate's Degree Pathway, Innov8, GO TEC®, Motiv8, Westwood International Academy	June 1, 2026	June 12, 2026	N/A	June 24, 2026
Early College	June 1, 2026	June 12, 2026	N/A	June 24, 2026
Galileo Magnet High (IB)	June 1, 2026	June 12, 2026	June 16, 2026 June 17, 2026	June 24, 2026

All applications are available on [www.danvillepublicschools.org/school-choice](http://www.danvillepublicschools.org/school-choice)

# APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT

## Late Applications and Out-of-District Applicants - What Families Need to Know

If your family has recently moved into the Danville Public Schools area after the spring or late School Choice application window has closed, you still have a chance to apply for a Choice program. To find out what options may be available, please reach out directly to our Coordinator of Advanced Learning and Choice Programs. You can contact the office by email at **[dpsschoolchoice@mail.dps.k12.va.us](mailto:dpsschoolchoice@mail.dps.k12.va.us)** or by phone at **(434) 799-6400**. The coordinator will walk you through the next steps and let you know if your child is eligible to submit a late application.

Families who live outside the Danville Public Schools district are also welcome to apply for any of our Choice programs. However, these applications must be submitted during an open application window. If your child is accepted into a program, you will be responsible for paying tuition for your child to attend a Danville Public School.

We encourage all families—both new to the area and from outside the district—to contact us early to learn about available options and important deadlines.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ● Can I complete a paper application rather than complete the online application?

All applications are completed online. No paper applications are available.

## ● Can my child apply to more than one program?

Students can apply to more than one choice program. However, students will only be able to accept a seat at one school or program.

## ● Can I apply if I don't live in Danville, VA?

Yes, students can apply if they do not live in Danville, Va. Students will need to enroll in Danville Public Schools prior to accepting a seat in a program or school. Additional information and steps, including tuition, are required for out-of-residency students.

## ● How do we apply?

Submit an application on the division's website: [www.danvillepublicschools.org/school-choice](http://www.danvillepublicschools.org/school-choice)

## ● Can I make a correction to my application once it is submitted?

Yes, you can make changes to an application by logging in to the account. Changes must be made before the application window closes.

## ● What will my child need to bring to testing?

Students do not need to bring any materials to testing. All materials are provided at testing sites.

## ● Is transportation provided?

Transportation is available for all choice programs. However, some programs have a limited transportation zone.

## ● What are the dates for testing?

The dates for each program's assessments are listed in the "Application and Enrollment" section, on page 27. The location and time will be communicated via email.

## ● Do I need to remain at the testing site while my student is testing?

Since student finish time will vary, it is ideal that parents remain at the testing site. However, parents can not be in the testing room.

## ● How long are the tests?

Testing time is based on each student and could vary between 45 minutes and 3 hours. All testing ends at 1:00pm, regardless if a student has completed their assessment.

## ● If my student is accepted, do I need to alert my child's current school?

Once accepted into the program or school, Danville Public Schools will alert the child's school.

## ● If my child is accepted into their school or program, can they start now?

This application process is for the 2026-2027 school year. Students will start their program or school in the Fall of 2027.

## ● Are students accepted into more than one program?

Based on eligibility, students can receive multiple acceptances. Students will need to **select one** school or program to attend.

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## APPLICATION DATES FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

### FALL APPLICATION WINDOW

**October 20 - 31, 2025**

6th Grade Academies, Activ8 STEM Academy, Arnett Hills International Academy, Early Associate's Degree Pathway, Innov8, GO TEC<sup>®</sup>, Motiv8, Westwood International Academy

### SPRING APPLICATION WINDOW

**January 1 - 16, 2026**

6th Grade Academies, Activ8 STEM Academy, Arnett Hills International Academy, Early Associate's Degree Pathway, Innov8, GO TEC<sup>®</sup>, Motiv8, Westwood International Academy

**February 2 - 6, 2026**

AET and Governor's School

**January 1 - July 31, 2025**

Preschool

*The late application window dates are on page 27.*

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