



Innovative Opportunities for Rising 9th Grader Students

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your child prepares to embark on their high school journey with Onslow County Public Schools, we are excited to share a range of unique academic opportunities available through our Controlled Enrollment programs! Our mission is to help each student reach their fullest potential by offering diverse, specialized programs that spark curiosity, ignite passions, and lay the foundation for lifelong learning and career success.

Controlled Enrollment allows students to access courses and specialized academies not offered at their home high school, opening doors to innovative subjects, hands-on experiences, and nationally recognized credentials. If your student is interested in exploring one of these programs, they may apply for Controlled Enrollment and—if accepted—attend the school offering that program for the academic year. Please note that students must complete the Controlled Enrollment application, attend an interview at the host school, and fulfill all program requirements. Transportation is the responsibility of the family, and students must remain in the program for the full school year.

Exciting Programs for Incoming 9th Graders

- **Agriscience Academy** – Richlands High School: Dive into the world of agriculture and life sciences! This academy combines core studies in sustainable agriculture with hands-on experiences in horticulture or animal science. Students can earn industry-recognized certifications and build leadership skills through the National FFA Organization.
- **Advanced Manufacturing Academy** – Northside High School: Explore modern manufacturing, robotics, and automation. This program offers robust coursework in material science and advanced technologies, with opportunities to earn industry credentials like OSHA 10 and FANUC Certified Robot Operator.
- **Animal Science Major (STEAM Academy)** – White Oak High School: Learn the scientific principles behind animal breeding, husbandry, and agricultural production. Students participate in supervised agricultural experiences, FFA membership, and gain practical skills through internships at the WOHS farm.

- **AP Capstone** – Northside & Richlands High Schools: Take on the challenge of college-level coursework with a focus on research, collaboration, and communication. Students earn valuable AP credentials and stand out on college applications, with no program cost for AP exams.
- **Engineering Academy** – Richlands High School: Prepare for future studies and careers in engineering with a rigorous curriculum in math, science, and technology.
- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program** – Jacksonville High School: This world-renowned program promotes global awareness and academic excellence. Preparation begins in 9th grade and provides a pathway to the prestigious IB Diploma, recognized by top universities worldwide.
- **International Baccalaureate Career-Related Program** – Jacksonville High School: Combine academic rigor with career-focused studies in Health Sciences or Business, gaining both theoretical knowledge and practical skills for college and the workforce.
- **JROTC** – Northside (AFJROTC) & Southwest (MCJROTC) High Schools: Build leadership, self-discipline, and physical fitness, while participating in community service and gaining valuable life and career skills.
- **Marine Occupations** – Dixon High School: Learn boating safety, mechanics, and navigation, earning your NC boating license and NCCER Credentials through hands-on shop experience.
- **Teaching as a Profession** – Swansboro High School: Explore a future in education through advanced coursework, classroom observation, and mentorship experiences—perfect for students interested in shaping young minds!

These programs are open to students beginning in their 9th grade year and are designed to foster growth, leadership, and readiness for college and careers. Please note, students are expected to remain in their program for the full academic year before any transfer requests can be made. Participation in these programs is a commitment to excellence, and we are here to support your family every step of the way.

If your child is interested in any of these outstanding opportunities, we encourage you to review program details and begin the application process early. Should you have questions or need guidance, please reach out to your school's counselor or visit our district website at www.onslow.k12.nc.us/academics/secondary-education/cross-and-controlled-enrollment for more information on Controlled Enrollment procedures and timelines.

We are thrilled to offer these exceptional program pathways for our students and look forward to seeing your child shine as a member of the Onslow County Public Schools!