

SCHOLARS ACADEMY

AT WEST ASHLEY HIGH SCHOOL

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON



AN ELITE ACADEMIC PATH AT WEST ASHLEY.

As a cornerstone of the West Ashley community, West Ashley High School (WAHS) carries a rich academic legacy, equipping over 2,000 students with the essential, high-level skills needed for significant achievement and success in life after graduation. The Scholars Academy at West Ashley High School, in partnership with the College of Charleston, offers an exclusive opportunity for students to join an elite academic cohort at their "Excellent" rated neighborhood high school.

Through this program, students pursue a rigorous curriculum—including Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses—that are typically available only through selective magnet programs or on a college campus. By choosing this pathway, your student joins an elite cohort at their "Excellent" rated zoned high school. During their first three years, Scholars will be immersed in rigorous academics on the West Ashley campus, following a structured core progression that prepares them for college. Despite this high level of rigor, the program offers sufficient flexibility to explore elective courses and specialized career paths that align with their personal passions and long-term goals.

During their senior year, your student will transition to the College of Charleston campus to take full-time collegiate classes. Even while learning on a college campus, they remain a West Ashley student, allowing them to participate in their daily routines and the vibrant milestone events that define the traditional high school experience. Most importantly, this transition is guided by constant, structured support from our Scholars Academy advisors and counselors. By balancing this high-level collegiate independence with the familiar support of our faculty, we ensure that our Scholars Academy students can reach their full academic potential while staying rooted in the community they call home.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & COLLEGIATE MASTERY

GRADUATE WITH A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

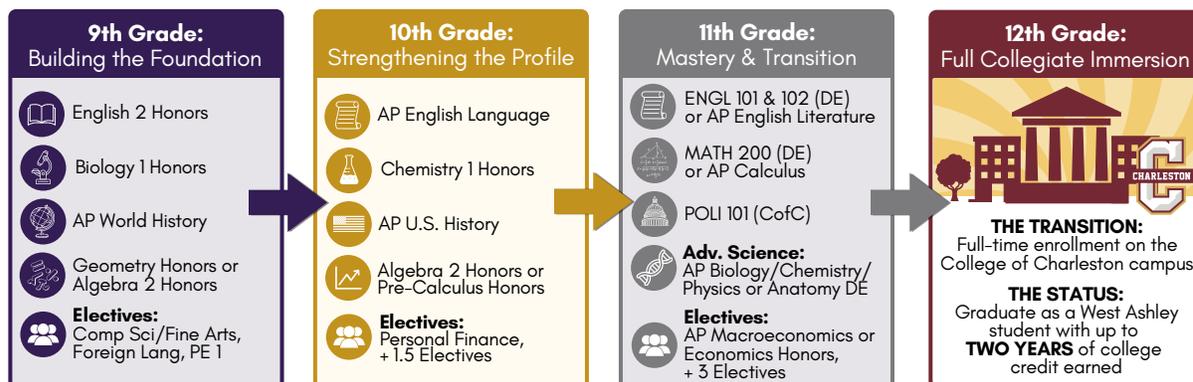
Our scholars do more than prepare for college— they successfully navigate it. By blending the high-level support West Ashley has to offer with the academic rigor of the College of Charleston, students complete their graduation requirements early, ensuring a seamless transition into higher education.

- **Accelerated Success:** Allows students to complete graduation requirements by the end of their Junior year.
- **Collegiate Credit:** Students can earn up to two years of college credit, potentially entering a four-year university as a Junior.
- **Senior Year Immersion:** Scholars spend their senior year as full-time students on the College of Charleston campus, enrolled in 12-15 credit hours per semester.
- **A Rigorous, Proven Pathway:** Our curriculum is designed to challenge the brightest minds through a strategic progression of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Dual Enrollment (DE) courses, and foundational College of Charleston courses.

THE SCHOLARS ACADEMY DIFFERENCE

This program is designed for students who want more out of their high school years. We believe that high-achieving students should not have to choose between an advanced academic experience and the vibrant experiences of their neighborhood school.

The Scholars Pathway: The following is a proposed course of study illustrating one potential path for a Scholars Academy student. Course sequences may be adjusted to meet individual student needs and updated scheduling requirements.



COLLEGE PROVEN

Intellectual & Social Maturity
Navigate campus as a senior, building independence and time-management skills. Not just "ready" for college, already thriving in it



WILDCAT ADVANTAGE

Home Base & Community
Stay a Wildcat! Full access to your teachers, coaches, and clubs while still pursuing elite academics



THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

Admissions & Rigor

Stand out with College of Charleston, AP, and DE credits. Prove you can master the highest level of academic rigor



SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS

Financial Value & Future

Earn up to 60 college credits (Associate Degree equivalent). Save over \$12,000 in future tuition

SCHOLARS ACADEMY CANDIDATES

The Scholars Academy seeks studious, mature eighth-graders ready to assume a higher level of academic responsibility. We look for well-rounded candidates who demonstrate both a passion for learning and the discipline required for a collegiate environment.

- **Academic Performance:** Consistent excellence in middle school Honors-level core subjects.
- **Assessment Data:** Advanced performance in SC READY (or equivalent) Reading and Math.
- **Character & Work Ethic:** A proven history of maturity, reliability, and personal discipline required in an advanced environment.
- **Eligibility:** Must be a resident of Charleston County and zoned for District 10 (West Ashley).

More than just a program. It's where elite scholars are given the opportunity to master collegiate rigor and reach their full potential at the neighborhood high school they're proud to call home.

INTEREST IN APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM?

To learn more about the application process, please visit the CCSD School Choice website. This portal serves as the primary hub for program details, timelines, and online submissions

Important Enrollment Notice: Due to this program's specialized four-year academic sequence, the 8th-grade winter window is the only opportunity to apply. Admissions are not open to students once they have already started their high school career.