



EARLY COLLEGE

AT ALEXANDRIA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Alexandria Public Schools



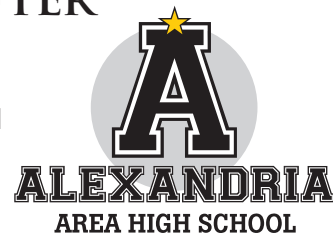
“ AP and dual credit courses have been a great opportunity to prepare myself for college. Aside from the free college credits, they have helped me to develop good study habits and figure out what the best way for me to learn is. These classes give kids a lot of freedom, while also providing challenges and opportunities to grow. I have felt a great sense of accomplishment tackling challenges in college classes, and it has been nice to have good teachers to help me when I struggle.

— Kate Hennessy
BCE Academy

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

The mission of the College and Career Center at Alexandria Area High School is to assist students with all the facets of the high school educational environment in three domains – academic, personal/social, and college/career development. The three are linked for well-rounded student success.

For more information, contact the College & Career Center at AAHS at 320-762-2142 ext. 4502.



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*Earn College Credits
While Attending
Alexandria Area
High School*



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STAY, PLAY, LEARN & EARN

Benefits:

- Classes and support offered on high school campus.
- Same rigor and content as an on-campus college class.
- Credits are transcribed the same as if taken on a college campus.
- High school teachers are credentialed through higher ed partners.
- Potential to save money on college tuition, fees and books before they graduate from high school.
- Stay on the high school campus and receive college credit while staying connected to their school and peer groups.
- Develop and grow within a safe and effective learning environment.
- Get a head start on their college and career preparation.

Other information:

- Students must meet eligibility guidelines for enrolling in concurrent courses.
- College credit will transfer according to incoming college/university transfer policies.



Throughout my high school years, I have taken many different AP and college credit classes. These classes have challenged and pushed me to develop my resilience further. I have also learned to persevere through any problem. By taking these higher-level courses, I have found new interests that I never thought possible. When I took AP Biology my sophomore year, it sparked my interest in science and led me to pursue a career in it in the future. These classes have also made me ready for the rigorous style of coursework in college. Without taking these courses, I would not be as prepared to excel later in life as I am now.



— Cora Bumgarner
EMTNR Academy

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Through partnerships with colleges, students can take college-credit bearing courses taught by college-approved high school teachers, during the regular school day on the high school campus. There is no cost to the student to participate in these courses. Students who successfully complete concurrent enrollment courses generate both high school and transcribed college credit from the partnering college or university.

AAHS Concurrent Enrollment Courses:

High School Course	Credits	College Course	Description	Credits	Inst.
AP Calculus	1.0	MATH 1426	Calculus I	4	ATCC
AP Chemistry	2.0	CHEM 1500	General Chemistry I	4	ATCC
		CHEM 1505	General Chemistry II	4	ATCC
AP Statistics	1.0	MATH 1447	Introduction to Statistics	4	ATCC
CAPS College Intro Education/Lab	.75	ED 101	Introduction to Education & Lab	3	SMSU
CAPS College Principles of Marketing	.75	MKTG 2525	Principles of Marketing	3	ATCC
CAS: Composition I/Literature	3.0	ENGL 1410	Composition I	3	ATCC
CAS: Composition I/ Literature		ENGL 2405	Modern American Literature	3	ATCC
CAS: U.S. History, to 1877		HIST 1401	U.S. History, to 1877	3	ATCC
CAS: U.S. History, 1877 to Present		HIST 1402	U.S. History, 1877 to present	3	ATCC
College Algebra	.75	MATH 110	College Algebra	3	SMSU
College American Government	.75	POL 120	American National Government	3	SMSU
College Composition I	.75	ENGL 1410	Composition I	3	ATCC
College Composition II	.75	ENGL 1420	Composition II	3	ATCC
College Composition I (online)	.75	ENGL 1410	Composition I	3	ATCC
College Composition II (online)	.75	ENGL 1420	Composition II	3	ATCC
College French III (French 102)	1.0	FREN 102	Beginning French II	4	SCSU
College French IV (French 201)	1.0	FREN 201	Intermediate French I	4	SCSU
College General Chemistry I	1.0	CHEM 1500	General Chemistry I	4	ATCC
College General Psychology	.75	PSYC 1445	General Psychology	3	ATCC
College Intro to Computers	.75	ITEC 1430	Intro to Computers	3	ATCC
College Macroeconomics	.75	ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	SMSU
College Physics	.75	PHYS 120	Introductory Physics	3	SMSU
College Physics Lab	.25	PHYS 120L	Introductory Physics Lab	1	SMSU
College Principles of Management	.75	BUS 2220	Principles of Management	3	ATCC
College Public Speaking	.75	COMM 1415	Public Speaking	3	ATCC
College Spanish III (Spanish 201)	1.0	SPAN 201	Intermediate Spanish I	4	SCSU
College Spanish IV (Spanish 202)	1.0	SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II	4	SCSU
College Tool Safety and First Aid	.75	CARP 1631	Tool Safety and First Aid	3	ATCC
College US History to 1877 (online)	.75	HIST 1401	U.S. History to 1877	3	ATCC
College US History, 1877 to present (online)	.75	HIST 1402	U.S. History, 1877 to Present	3	ATCC
Nurse Assist/Home Health Aide	.75	PNSG 1640	Nursing Asst/Home Health Aide	3	ATCC

ATCC = Alexandria Technical & Community College
SCSU = St. Cloud State University
SMSU = Southwest MN State University

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Advanced Placement (AP) program provides an opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. AP courses are taught by high school teachers who follow course guidelines developed and published by the College Board. At the conclusion of an AP course, students have the opportunity to take the corresponding national AP exam in May. The College Board sets the national test dates for AP exams.

Find out the AP credit policies for colleges of interest:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

AP Courses at AAHS:

AP Biology
AP Calculus
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Human Geography
AP Music Theory (every other year)
AP Precalculus
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art
AP US History
AP World History: Modern

For complete information, visit the College Board website at:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/what-is-ap>

“Taking multiple college and AP courses at AAHS has taught me much more than just the material covered in the courses. These classes helped me build strong study and note-taking habits that will be essential in college. AAHS offers a wide variety of college and AP courses that are easy to enroll in and free to take, helping students save money on tuition and get ahead before their freshman year. I highly recommend taking advantage of these opportunities because they'll prepare you for college and set you up for success.”



— Sam Kalina
EMTNR Academy

“I began taking AP courses in 9th grade and continued through 10th grade, building a strong academic foundation. In 11th grade, I balanced AP classes with college-level courses offered at AAHS, continuing this pattern into my senior year. I chose not to do PSEO so I could stay connected with classmates and remain involved in school activities. This path allowed me to take full advantage of the opportunities at AAHS while saving money on future college tuition. Balancing AP and college courses was challenging but rewarding, helping me grow academically and personally. I'm grateful for the support and resources at AAHS that made it possible to pursue these opportunities while staying engaged in our school community!”



— Auden Zeller
HSHS Academy

COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM



The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a College Board program that allows students to earn college credit by demonstrating their mastery of college-level material in introductory subjects through CLEP testing.

To see if your potential college accepts CLEP credit, visit:

<https://clep.collegeboard.org/school-policy-search>

“Through my experience at Alexandria Area High School, I have had the opportunity to participate in many college, AP, and CAPS programs. I have participated in five separate AP courses, two CAPS programs (BCE & EMTNR), and numerous concurrent enrollment college courses, including all of my current core classes as a senior. These courses allow me to challenge myself and grow as a person, without taking away from my ability to live as an active student and have fun along the way. I never had to consider PSEO because of the sheer number of opportunities the high school and College and Career Center offered me from day one. If I had to do it all over, I would take every opportunity again and even more. These courses have prepared my peers and me for the world beyond high school in ways I can't even imagine yet, and I couldn't recommend them more.”



— Jackson Dutcher
BCE Academy

“Taking AP and college courses has shaped my high school experience in numerous meaningful ways. These classes have challenged me academically and pushed me to improve my study habits and collaborate effectively with my peers. Having the opportunity to gain college credit in high school has allowed me to build a strong foundation of knowledge and develop the skills necessary to succeed in the next stage of my life. I am grateful to my counselors and teachers for encouraging me to take on rigorous coursework and guiding me each step of the way. I recommend this experience to any high school student.”



— Ning Zhang
HSHS Academy

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Alexandria Area High School has articulation agreements with the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS). Articulated college credit is earned when a student enrolls in an applicable program at the partner college. Articulated classes are taught by high school teachers in the high school setting. There is no cost to the student.

Benefits:

- Classes and support offered on high school campus.
- Same rigor and content as an on-campus college class.
- Credits are transcribed by the partner college the same as if taken on a college campus.
- Students gain college-level skills for greater success in college.

North Dakota State College of Science Articulated Course:

Complete the following at AAHS

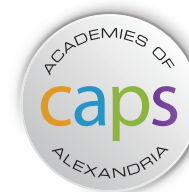
Culinary Arts I
Culinary Arts II
Cardinal Café (Culinary Arts III)

Earn toward NDSCS Culinary Arts Program

CULN 100 Culinary Fundamentals (3 credits)

“During my time at Alexandria Area High School, I have had the opportunity to take advantage of the many college-credit offering classes. While I didn't take any in 9th grade, from 10th grade on, I have filled my schedule with countless college-level classes. I also decided to take all of my classes from the High School instead of PSEO, so I could continue to be involved and grow my relationships with students and teachers. This decision has not been to my detriment, as AAHS offers such a wide variety of college-level courses. The opportunity to take these high-level classes has been invaluable to my high school experience. The challenge and rigor provided have not only expanded my knowledge of topics but, more importantly, refined my critical thinking and time management skills. Through AP and college classes, I have not only saved myself time in college by completing my general education requirements early, but also increased my readiness for the academic rigor that college will present.”

— Lars Dahl
BCE Academy



CENTER FOR ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Developing relationships with business is critical to the success of the Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS). The CAPS program immerses students in real-world experiences in professional settings. These authentic learning experiences provide a competitive edge.

CAPS Business & College Principles of Marketing provides an emphasis on marketing business concepts. Students spend the semester applying their acquired knowledge as they engage with partner-driven projects, solving business problems and experiencing the challenges of project-based work.

CAPS EMTNR offers students project-based study in an EMTNR career pathway area. Students collaborate with community partners on projects individually tailored to interests in engineering, manufacturing, architecture, agriculture, food and natural resources.

CAPS Healthcare offers students a project-based study in the area of health applications. Students will participate in several field experiences and a job shadow experience to explore various career opportunities within the healthcare field.

CAPS Human Services provides students with a call to action and the ability to impact change within the community through authentic learning experiences.

CAPS Teacher Education & College Introduction to Education & Lab offers students an opportunity to be surrounded by a variety of experiences including classroom observations, internships, mentorships, networking, modeling, and practicum.

Benefits:

- Students work with an AAHS teacher and business professionals from the partnering company.
- Students earn high school credit and in some cases college credit at the same time.
- Students work side by side with industry experts on authentic projects and tasks all while growing their professional skills.
- Students develop professional skills and expand their resume through internships.

Career Internship offers students the opportunity to intern with a local professional in a career of their choice. Career internships may include product design or may be an extension of a CAPS project or experience.

