

North Springs High School

The Accelerated Career Diploma Program



**PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HIGH-SKILL,
HIGH-WAGE, AND HIGH DEMAND JOBS**

OUR VISION

ACD students, grounded in a sense of purpose and belonging, are lifelong learners and adaptable leaders.

Equipped with 21st-century skills, our students are prepared for future careers, post-secondary success, and meaningful contributions to their communities and the economy.

OUR MISSION

Our career-focused program provides students with access to personalized college coursework, high-demand industry certifications, and internships, supported by mentoring and transportation.

In a "school within a school" environment, students enjoy a traditional high school experience while gaining real-world skills and a unique path to graduation, ensuring their success in future careers and post-secondary pursuits.

Why ACD?

**EARLY
GRADUATION
OPTION**

**WORK-BASED
LEARNING**

**GRADUATE WITH A
DEVELOPED AND MARKETABLE
SKILL SET**

**EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN
HIGH SCHOOL**

**BE EXPOSED TO CAREER FIELDS
AND THE WORLD OF WORK**



ACD is a good fit for...



- Rising 9th and 10th Graders
- Students with specialized career interests
- Families committed to partnering for student success
- Students with no major discipline infractions
- Students who want to succeed
- Self-motivated students



Traditional & Accelerated Careers



DIPLOMA COMPARISON

Choose Your Pathway from Three Options:

ACD Fast-Track

High School Diploma
Graduate in 3 Years

ACD 4-Year

High School Diploma
Graduate in 4 Years

ACD Plus

Traditional College Prep
High School Diploma
26 AP Classes Available
Graduate in 4 Years

All Candidates Earn Free College Credit & 2 Certifications



Year 1	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
	Math (Algebra)	SS (Am Gov/Econ)	Elective (Health/PE)	Elective (or remedial class)
	Science (Env Science)	ELA (ELA-9)	CTAE (CS from Gwinnett #1)	Elective (or remedial class)
Year 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
	Math (AMDM)	SS (World History)	CTAE (CS from Gwinnett #2)	Elective (or remedial class)
	Science (Biology)	ELA (ELA-11)	Elective (or remedial class)	Elective (or remedial class)
Year 3	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
	CTAE (CS from Gwinnett 3)	Gwinnett DE Course	Gwinnett DE Course	WBL/Online Class
	Elective (or remedial)	Gwinnett DE Course	Gwinnett DE Course	WBL/Online Class

Example Academic Map

**Advanced Career Diploma
– 9 (Fast Track)**



Year 1	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
A Day	Math (Algebra)	SS (Am Gov/Econ)	Elective (Health/PE)	Elective (or remedial class)
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B Day	Science (Biology)	ELA (ELA-11)	Elective (or remedial class)	Elective (or remedial class)
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A Day	CTAE (CS from Gwinnett 3)	NS Elective	NS Elective	WBL/Online Class
B Day	Elective (or remedial)	Gwinnett DE Course	Gwinnett DE Course	WBL/Online Class
Year 4	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
A Day	WBL/Online Class	WBL/Online Class	WBL/Online CL.	WBL/Online CL.
B Day	Peer Facilitation/Senior Reduce	Gwinnett DE Course	Gwinnett DE Course	Online Class

Example Academic Map

Advanced Career Diploma
– 4 Year



Year 1	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
A Day	Math (Algebra)	ELA (Lit/Comp I)	Spanish 1	CTAE (CS from Gwinnett #1)
B Day	Science (Env Science)	SS (Am Gov/Econ)	Elective (Health/PE)	Art
Year 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
A Day	Math (Geometry)	ELA (Lit/Comp II)	Spanish 2	CTAE (CS from Gwinnett #2)
B Day	Science (Biology)	SS (World History)	Elective	Elective
Year 3	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
A Day	Math (Advanced Algebra)	ELA (ELA 11)	SS (Am History)	Online Class
B Day	Science (Physics or Physical Sci.)	Gwinnett DE Course	Gwinnett DE Course	Online Class
Year 4	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
A Day	Math (AMDM, Stat Reasoning or AP Precalculus)	ELA (Multi Lit, Dramatic Writing)	Elective	CTAE (CS from Gwinnett #4)
B Day	Science (science elective)	Gwinnett DE Course	Gwinnett DE Course	WBL

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**Advanced Career Diploma Plus
(Traditional College Prep)**

ACD Pathways



Business/Marketing Management

Human Resources Management Specialist Certificate

Logistics Management Specialist Certificate

Entrepreneurship Certificate

Small Business Marketing Manager Specialist Certificate

Social Media Marketing Certificate



Business Technology

Medical Billing Clerk Certificate

Medical Front Office Assistant Certificate



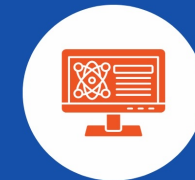
Computer Sciences

Java Programming Certificate

Cyber Crime Specialist Certificate

PC Repair and Network Technician Certificate

Data Centers Operation Certificate



Welding & Joining Technology

Gas Metal Arc Welder Certificate

Gas Tungsten Arc Welder Certificate



North Springs

WHAT DO WE OFFER?



Sports

Homecoming/Prom

26 AP Courses

Clubs/After-School Activities

Dedicated Staff

Brand-New Facility in 2027

Transportation

Tutoring



COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

The Accelerated Career Diploma is “less than” a standard diploma - **FALSE!**

The Accelerated Career Diploma is for students who are not college-bound - **FALSE!**
(ACD College Prep)

Students who earn the Accelerated Career Diploma cannot attend a four-year college or university - **FALSE!**



Show Me the Money!

1. A career and its description will appear on the screen.
2. Guess the average salary for the career.
3. The closest guess wins the round.
4. If you guess over the amount, you lose the round.



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PROGRAM OF STUDY: WELDING

CAREER: WELDER

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AVERAGE SALARY: \$48,000



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DESCRIPTION:

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MARKETING/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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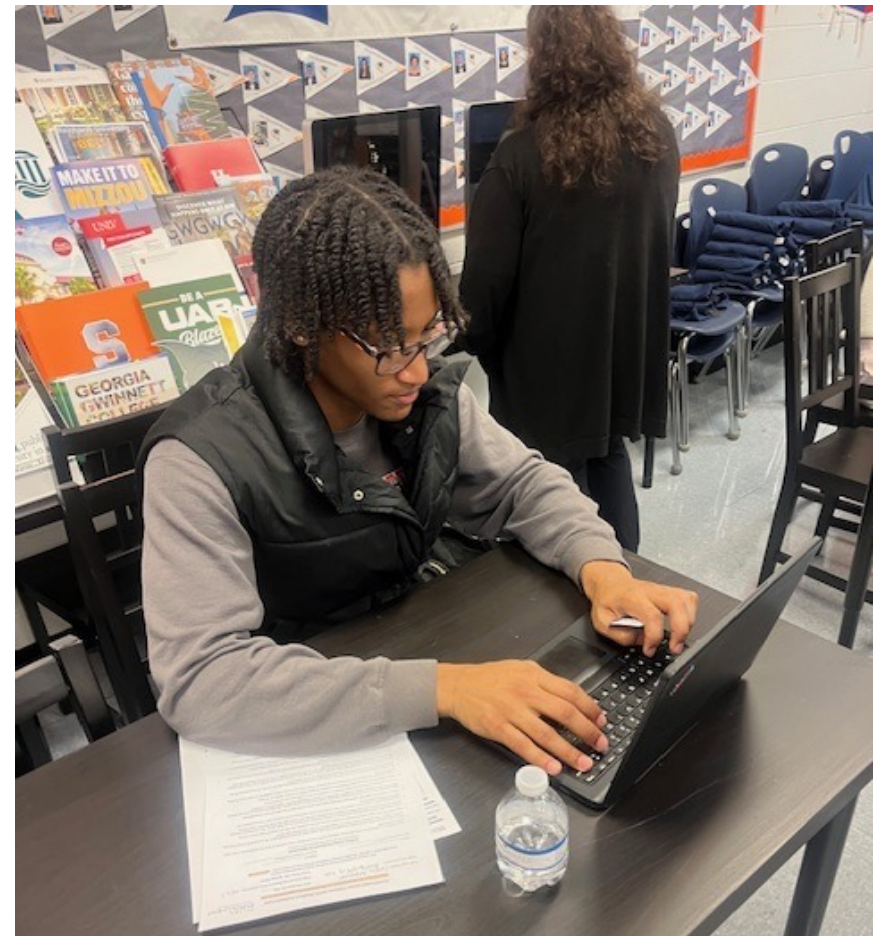


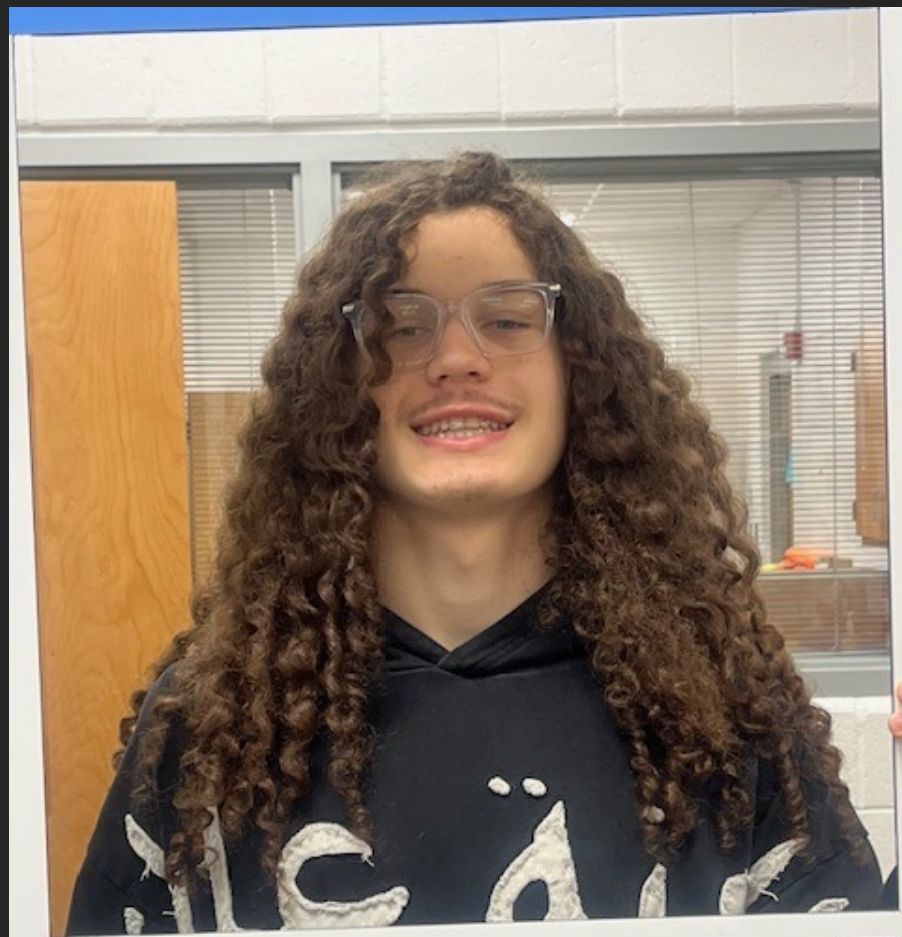
The Real World Perspective



- A high school diploma can lead to an average salary of about **\$27,915**.
- A bachelor's degree increases the average salary to around **\$51,000**.
- The average trade school graduate's salary is **\$67,000**.







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