

WHAT IS THE COLLEGE ACADEMY?

The College Academy is a full-time, dual enrollment public high school located on the beautiful campuses of Broward College. Students attend during their junior and senior year of high school. The school is designed for academically talented or gifted high school students who wish to participate in an accelerated high school experience. Each student receives an individualized two-year educational plan that incorporates rigorous core curriculum and courses in a student's major area of career/academic interest. CA's composite SAT and ACT scores are the highest in the county and College Academy ranks among the top schools in the state. CA students are admitted to the best colleges and universities throughout the nation.

WHAT DOES THE COLLEGE ACADEMY OFFER?

CA offers qualified students the opportunity to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associate of arts (AA) degree from Broward College. It also provides an opportunity for students to meet Florida Bright Futures Scholarship requirements.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COLLEGE ACADEMY, DUAL ENROLLMENT AND EARLY ADMISSION?

College Academy students are AA degree seeking; they attend both junior and senior years. Because CA students are degree seeking, they are permitted to take the number of courses necessary to earn an AA degree and they receive priority registration. Dual enrollment limits the number of college courses a student may take according to student's grade level. Early admission is for seniors only. CA students are enrolled in the Robert "Bob" Elmore Honors College at BC.

WHAT IS AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA) DEGREE?

The Associate of Arts degree is a 60-credit minimum undergraduate degree that guarantees that students fulfilled all General Education requirements towards earning a bachelor's degree. General Education requirements include 36 credit hours with courses in English/Communications, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Math, Physical and Biological Sciences, Humanities, Wellness, World Language, and other local requirements. The philosophy behind the Associate of Arts degree is that students should take coursework in a variety of disciplines to become well rounded learners and global citizens. Students must also earn a minimum of 24 elective hours which can be used to fulfill prerequisite coursework for a major or exploratory/survey courses. There are Five honors courses required for to earn the Honors College certificate, these courses are included the in 60 credits required by CA for the AA degree.

ARE STUDENTS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?

CA students participate in many traditional high school activities including National Honor Society, Grad Bash, Prom, Senior Brunch, and College Tours. CA students are also expected to participate in Broward College's extensive extracurricular activities and programs.

CAN I ATTEND ANY BROWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS?

CA is located at BC Central and North campuses. Students select a campus during the application process. Students may not change their campus choice once the computerized random selection process is complete. It is suggested that students living South of Sunrise Blvd. select Central campus and students living North of Sunrise Blvd. select North campus. However, students may request either campus. Please know that bus transportation may not be available in all situations.

MUST COLLEGE ACADEMY STUDENTS STAY ON CAMPUS BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.?

Because schedules are individualized, some students may arrive later or leave earlier than the school day. Students may also take courses (with permission) outside of the school day.

WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY?

Yes. Florida Statute 1007.23 and State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.024 assure certain rights to associate in arts graduates who wish to continue on to a baccalaureate degree. An AA degree from a public Florida State College **guarantees** admission to an upper division institution in the State University System.

DO STUDENTS FOLLOW THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT OR RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY BROWARD COLLEGE?

Students enrolled in The College Academy must adhere to the **rules and regulations of both institutions.**

WHAT COURSES WILL BE OFFERED?

CA students may take courses from a wide range of elective and general education courses approved for dual enrollment and offered by Broward College. A two-year plan is developed for each student and is individualized to incorporate program requirements, student interests, career/academic goals, and ensure a high level of rigor to prepare students for university admission and studies.

ARE STUDENTS STILL ELIGIBLE FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS?

Yes, Broward County Public Schools offer qualified CA students free and reduced lunch.



IS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO THE COLLEGE ACADEMY?

Yes. Broward County Public Schools provides transportation to eligible students (those that reside more than 2 miles from campus). Eligible students choosing the Central campus will be transported from within Broward County. Eligible students choosing North campus will receive transportation if they live north of Sunrise Boulevard. Students that choose North campus and live South of Sunrise Boulevard **MUST** provide their own transportation. BC Parking Decals are available for students providing their own transportation.

WHO MAY APPLY?

The College Academy is designed for students who have the maturity required for college campus life, the discipline to use their time wisely, and the academic ability to handle the rigor of college work. CA students come from public, private, charter, and home school environments. **Students must be Broward County residents at the time of application and meet all eligibility criteria at the time of application.** Please see our website for eligibility and test requirements.

HOW DO I SUBMIT ACCUPLACER SCORES?

If you test at a BC campus and indicate that you are testing for CA, BC will communicate your scores to CA. To expedite the process, you may submit your score report to CA. If you have current ACT/SAT/ACCUPLACER/PERT scores (must be within the past two years) that you would like to use, you must provide a copy of your score report to CA. If attending a Broward Public School, you may elect to use scores on file.

DO STUDENTS HAVE TO MAINTAIN A SPECIFIC GRADE POINT AVERAGE TO REMAIN AT THE COLLEGE ACADEMY?

Yes. Students must maintain a 2.5 college GPA to remain in the program.

WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO TRANSFER BACK TO THEIR HOME HIGH SCHOOL?

Yes. Students are entitled to transfer to their home [boundaried] high school.

ARE STUDENTS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS?

Yes. Students may participate in athletics with their home high school. Permission must be granted by the school principal and the FHSAA. Many students elect to participate in sports at their home high schools even though it can be very challenging due to the rigor and CA/BC class times. CA does not alter student schedules for work or after school activities.

WHERE DO CA STUDENTS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION TO EARN BACHELORS, MASTERS, AND DOCTORATES?

CA graduates have attended many distinguished universities throughout the nation, including, but not limited to: Auburn, Brown, The Citadel, Cornell, Duke, Georgia Tech, Georgetown, Harvard, Howard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, Northwestern, Princeton, Rice, Texas A & M, Tufts, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, Yale, and all universities in Florida.

DO STUDENTS FOLLOW THE CALENDER FOR BROWARD SCHOOLS OR BROWARD COLLEGE?

CA students follow the Broward College calendar. Breaks and exam dates differ from the traditional high schools.

HOW DO STUDENTS KNOW WHAT COURSES TO TAKE?

CA employs a full-time guidance staff to provide academic, personal, social, and career advisement. Our staff works closely with Broward College advisors to ensure that students have an opportunity to simultaneously meet the requirements for a high school diploma and an associate of arts degree.

WHAT IS THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS?

Students must submit an application online at <http://www.browardschools.com/collegeacademy> by the deadline. Incomplete and/ applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications are screened for initial eligibility requirements. Applicants who pass the initial screening criteria will continue to the testing phase. Applicants must check application status online to ensure compliance with procedures and deadlines. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available seats, a computerized random selection process will be utilized. A qualified applicant is one that has met all criteria, deadlines, and testing requirements.

WHAT DOES A STUDENT'S DAY LOOK LIKE?

CA students have a full-time college course schedule. Students attend classes within the CA Learning Community which are comprised of CA students only, and classes with the general BC population. First year students attend Term1, Term 2, and Term 3A. Each student's schedule is individualized based upon program requirements, student placement, and interest.

HOW MUCH DOES COLLEGE ACADEMY COST?

As a CA student, all tuition, books, and fees are provided at **no cost** to the participant.

DO I HAVE TO SEND IN TRANSCRIPTS?

If you attend a Broward County Public School, you do **NOT** have to send in transcripts. If you are a private, charter or home school student, you **MUST** submit an official school transcript. Transcripts must be received prior to the application deadline. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLEGE ACADEMY?

Attend one of our informational Open Houses for Prospective Students (see Registration Timeline) or visit our website: <http://www.browardschools.com/collegeacademy>

