

CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL

ACE

Academic Choice for Excellence



WHY ACE?

(TESTIMONIAL FROM CURRENT ACE STUDENTS)

“The ACE program is an outstanding opportunity for those who want to make something out of their life. It is both educational and fun. You have good experiences and meet new people.”

Dea Ozuni ‘15

“The thing that I like about the ACE Program is the advantage of getting college credits for A.P. courses. I know that my hard work will be beneficial to my future. I am happy to be in the ACE Program because I am getting a sneak-peak as to what college will be like.”

Sheelan Mohammed ‘17

“ACE allows you to have a second family. You always have people to turn to academically and socially. It’s unlike any typical high school experience-it’s better.”

Filomena Stabile ‘15

“ACE provides me with a more challenging and rewarding curriculum that gives me a solid structure that prepares me for my future in college”

Alyssa Dotson ‘18

“ACE provided me with so many opportunities to excel and grow, including academic enrichment and community service. Ever since becoming an ACE student, I feel prepared for college and life outside of school. I have transformed into a well-rounded, community oriented student and person.”

Emily Persaud ‘18

“I like the ACE Program because it gives me a chance to meet new people. The classes are small and I have the advantage of making friends who I know will stick by me for all four years of high school.”

Justin Alma ‘17

“The ACE program has provide me with bountiful resources for college and educational opportunities. I’m challenged at a steady pace and I enjoy the work given.”

Belinda Bartley ‘18

“ACE has provided me with excellent academic opportunities, but more than that, I’ve been able to make great friends and have inspirational teacher I otherwise wouldn’t have had.”

Klajdi Gjonaj ‘17

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ACE signifies Academic Choice for Excellence. This program is based on the concept of a school within a school. Courses within this program are assigned additional quality points and are designated a level above our honors program. Participation in this program is indicated on the student's transcript.

Criteria for acceptance into this program include academic achievement at the honors level, above average standardized test scores, and teacher recommendations. Once accepted into the program, requirements include Advanced Placement coursework and attainment of credits beyond those required by the State of Connecticut for high school graduation.

Additionally, students are obligated to enter into a contractual agreement along with their parents requiring community service, dress code, and a stringent disciplinary policy, since they serve as role models for the entire school.

PHILOSOPHY

The ACE program is an accelerated honors program of studies geared toward college bound students who follow a rigorous course of studies. ACE students are an integral part of the Crosby student body and participate in extracurricular and community activities. The program will foster an interdisciplinary approach to academic achievement, and aims to produce well-rounded and civic-minded individuals who will easily transition into a college environment. Crosby High School Academic Choice for Excellence is a place for serious study and appropriate behavior.

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Criteria for Admission to the ACE Program

1. The applicant must be a Waterbury resident.
2. All parts of the application must be complete.
3. Teacher recommendations based on a format provided by the ACE committee. Recommendations from three core subject teachers: one from Math, one from English and one from Science or Social Studies.
4. Provide a transcript from your current school (recommended GPA of 85 or above).
5. Standardized test scores if available (COGATS, IOWAS, SMARTER BALANCE) and/or CMT scores (grades 6, 7, 8).
6. A typewritten essay (**minimum** 250 words) on the following topic:
 - What has been your greatest accomplishment or toughest obstacle you have had to overcome?
 - Submission of a graded writing sample from your English or Social Studies class.
7. Required Personal Interview and Shadow for a school day (pick up at 1:30).
8. Notification of acceptance by mail.

ACE Course of Study for Grades 9-12

Dept.	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Eng.	English 9- ACE- <u>010K</u>	English 10-ACE- <u>020K</u>	AP Language & Composition <u>030A</u>	AP English Literature <u>040A</u> OR UCONN English <u>051U</u>
Math	Algebra 2 ACE- <u>320K</u> AND Geometry ACE - <u>350K</u>	Pre-Calculus ACE- <u>370K</u> (required)	A.P. Calculus AB <u>380A</u> **teacher recommendation -OR- A.P. Stats <u>392A</u>	A.P. Calculus AB <u>380A</u> **teacher recommendation -OR- A.P. Stats <u>392A</u> -OR- A.P. Calculus BC - <u>385A</u> **teacher recommendation
Math	Algebra I ACE <u>300K</u> (student who did not take Algebra I or did not meet 85 average requirement) AND Geometry ACE - <u>350K</u>	Algebra 2 ACE - <u>320K</u> (required)	Pre-Calculus ACE- <u>370K</u> (required)	A.P. Calculus AB <u>380A</u> **teacher recommendation -OR- A.P. Stats <u>392A</u>
Science	Biology-ACE <u>400K</u>	Chemistry- ACE <u>420K</u>	Physics- ACE- 450K (required) AND A.P. Biology <u>400A</u> -OR- A.P Environmental Sci. <u>445A</u>	A.P Biology <u>400A</u> -OR- A.P. Env. Science <u>445A</u> -OR- Human Biology- <u>411</u>
World Lang.	Spanish 1- <u>251</u> Italian 1 - <u>211</u> French 1- <u>131</u>	Spanish 2 - <u>261</u> Italian 2 - <u>221</u> French 2- <u>141</u>	Spanish 3- <u>275</u> Italian 3 - <u>235</u> French 3- <u>155</u>	A.P. Spanish 4 <u>285A</u>
Elec.	Geometry ACE- <u>350K</u>	Health/PE	SAT Prep Math (1/2 yr) <u>373</u> AND SAT Prep English (1/2 yr) <u>073</u>	Elective
History	Civics-ACE <u>530K</u> US History II-ACE <u>540K</u>	World History A.P <u>580A</u>	A.P. US History <u>550A</u>	UCONN Modern Eur. History <u>500U</u> OR AP Psychology- <u>534A</u> -OR- UCONN Intro to Human Rights- <u>602U</u>

College Acceptances

American University	Johnson and Wales	Springfield College
Bentley	Marist	St. John's University
Boston College	MASS School of Pharmacy	Syracuse
Boston University	Mount Holyoke	Temple
Bryant	Mount St. Mary	Trinity College
CCSU	Northeastern University	University of New Haven
Columbia	Northwestern University	University of Connecticut
Connecticut College	NYU	University of Hartford
Cornell	Philadelphia School of the	University of Maine
Dartmouth	Sciences	University of Massachusetts
Drexel	Providence College	University of Notre Dame
ECSU	Quinnipiac University	University of Rhode Island
Emmanuel	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Rochester
Fairfield	Roger Williams	University of the Arts
Fordham	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Villanova
Franklin Pierce	Sacred Heart	WCSU
George Mason University	Salve Regina	Wesleyan
Hofstra	SCSU	Western New England
Holy Cross College	Sienna College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
	Smith	

ACE Faculty

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DISCIPLINARY CODE

ACE students will follow the Waterbury Department of Education's Safe School and Positive Climate handbook with the following additions:

ATTENDANCE

ACE students are only allowed **ten absences per year** (excused and unexcused) and **no more than four tardies to school per marking period**. **Two early dismissals will be allowed per year** unless there is an emergency. All dismissal requests (a note with the reason for dismissal, parent signature and phone number to confirm request) must be made to the chair of the attendance committee before or during homeroom. Students are expected to make medical and other necessary appointments after regular school hours. Student's attendance will be tracked monthly.

MAKE-UP WORK

Make-up work is required for all absences and will be given at the discretion of the subject teacher. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the subject teacher as soon as possible.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

It is mandatory that ACE students complete assignments. Students must read the material and retake the assessment within one month.

- The retake assessment must meet expected goal or students will be referred to the Review Board.
- If it is determined by the Review Board that this is a continuous occurrence, the student will meet with the Review Board for possible removal from the program.
- Assignments are due the first day of school and will be assessed by individual teachers.
- If assignments are not submitted by due date, students will be referred to the Academic Review Board.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM ISSUES

Students must be enrolled in ACE/AP/UCONN classes for all academic subjects. Students are not permitted to participate in any grade retrieval programs. A student who may encounter academic difficulty will be given academic support upon request. In the event a student should fail **one or more** subjects, the ACE Review Board will deselect the student from the program. ACE students will not be scheduled for early dismissal.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM AS A SOPHOMORE

By April of freshman year, an application must be completed and submitted to the Admissions Chair. Student must have a cumulative average of 80 or better, three (3) teacher recommendations, no discipline referrals, less than 10 absences and no more than four (4) tardies.

PROBATION

If a student is placed on probation for any reason, he/she must fulfill all requirements of the probation as well as not commit future violations of the ACE rules.

Academic probation will last until the end of the school year. Probation for discipline or behavior will last one calendar year unless otherwise specified. Students may be placed on probation only **once** in four years.

GROUND FOR REMOVAL FROM PROGRAM

This section describes the school-related disciplinary offenses for which a student, in accordance with other sections of this Code, may be subject to removal from the program. For the purpose of this Code, “school related disciplinary offenses” refers to a violation of this Code occurring while the student is on school grounds, during a school-sponsored activity, while on school-provided transportation en route to or from a school or school-sponsored activity, or when such misconduct is likely to have an adverse effect on the maintenance of discipline in school, while walking to or from school, waiting for or riding on public transportation.

1. Students must maintain an overall **80 GPA** (Grade Point Average) for the entire year. If an 80 GPA is not attained, the student will be deselected from the program.
2. Offenses which can cause removal:
 - a. Serious disciplinary offenses
 - b. Cheating
 - c. Stealing
 - d. Vandalism
 - g. Plagiarism
 - e. Forgery
 - h. Suspension
 - f. Insubordination
3. Offenses which, when repeated, may lead to removal from the Program:
 - a. Class cuts/ disruptions
 - b. Gambling
 - c. Leaving class without permission
 - d. Insolence
 - e. Smoking
 - f. Dress Code Violations
 - g. Lying
 - h. Use of Obscene Language
 - i. Possession of electronic devices

First offense: Discipline referrals handled on a case by case basis by the Dean of ACE.

Second offense: Referral to the Review Board. Board may remove students from program or place on probation. Referrals to the Review Board will jeopardize the student’s participation in field trips. The Principal will make the final decision.

Third offense: Removal from program. The Principal will make the final decision.

4. Non-school related offenses which will cause automatic removal from the Program:
 - a. Felony convictions
5. Non-school related offenses which will cause referral to the Review Board:
 - a. Misdemeanors
6. If, at any time, a student is unable to fulfill any or all of the ACE requirements they may be counseled out of the program.

ACTIVITIES

It is mandatory for students to engage in one extracurricular school or community-based activity, club, or sport that meets throughout the year. The student must be an “**active**” member of the club. A “**member**” joins and pays the membership dues if applicable; an “**active member**” in addition to paying dues must attend meetings (advisor will determine how many meetings may be missed). All activities must be documented and given to the Dean of ACE.

FIELD TRIPS

ACE students must be in good academic, attendance and discipline standing to participate in field trips.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

A **minimum of 20** signed hours of community service **per year** will be given to the Dean of ACE within two weeks of completion. Community-based service activities must be approved prior to participation and are due on or before May 1.

Students are allowed to complete 10 hours of community service in school. The remaining 10 hours must be completed outside of school.

Students who fail to complete community service will be referred to the Dean of ACE and the Review Board. Community service hours will then be doubled to 40 hours and must be completed by July 1 of the current school year. The student will also be placed on probation for the following academic year. Any subsequent offenses, including but not limited to community service, may result in removal from the program.

Students who do not complete community service hours will be removed from the program.

Seniors who have not completed the 20 hours of community service by May 1st will be removed from the program.

WITHDRAWAL/REMOVAL FROM PROGRAM

An Exit Interview is required with the student and parent/guardian for all recommendations of withdrawal and removal from the program.

ACE DRESS CODE

The ACE Program follows the Board of Education Dress Code Policy. This policy is strictly enforced. Whatever is worn will be neat in appearance.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation must be provided by parent/guardian if ACE student lives outside the Crosby school district.

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PARENT/ STUDENT CONTRACT for _____
PRINT STUDENT'S NAME

I have read the **Dress Code, Disciplinary, Removal and Attendance** policies of the CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL Academic Choice for Excellence Program. I agree to abide by all of these rules and regulations as stated. I fully understand that failure to observe these rules may result in removal from the program.

Additionally, students agree to be actively involved in the school through participation in clubs and activities, and in the community through their community service projects.

We believe that ACE is a partnership between parents and educators in creating the best possible education for the child. Parents are required to attend at least 2 PTO meetings and Parent/Teacher conferences which will be held throughout the year.

The ACE faculty agrees to ensure that your child secures the academic knowledge and skills to prepare him/her for the nation's finest colleges and universities.

Failure to return signed agreement will result in your removal from the program.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Photo Release

I hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by the ACE Program of Crosby High School of all photographs and/or other audiovisual materials taken of me/my son/my daughter, for promotional printed material, educational activities, exhibitions, or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please return to:

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