

**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 education and fun at the same time. You have good experiences and meet new people.”**

**Dea Ozuni ‘15**

**“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 is a great program that forces you to work hard and become a better you. If you want a good future and care about your career, the ACE program is where you want to be.”**

**Temeyra Ramos ‘13**

**“ACE has helped me realize that I already have the tools for success and that I should use them to my full potential to go above and beyond my expectations.”**

**Florinda Musa ‘15**

**“Entering ACE is a great idea because it puts you ahead of the game. The classes you take give you more quality points than honors classes.”**

**Mohammad Ashas ‘14**

**“ACE challenges me and makes me work hard. When I graduate, I know I will be well prepared to go to college and be independent.”**

**Gregory Nicholson ‘13**

**“Throughout the course of your life, you are constantly asked “what do you want to be when you grow up or what are you going to do after you graduate?”. You begin to face stress and so much pressure, sometimes you may lose your way, but with ACE it provides you with lots of experience and knowledge to face the real world.”**

**Christina Singh ‘14**

**“The ACE program allows you to really challenge yourself, and with everyone’s high expectations for you, you end up working to your full potential. It’s quite difficult sometimes but in the long run, it’s all worth it.”**

**Patricia Myer ‘14**

**“Now that I’m in the ACE program, I actually like it because it gets you to do things that you’re interested in. The work is challenging. Sports, clubs and community service is all part of the program. Once I got adjusted to the hard work, my routine began to get easier. ACE has me thinking about my future.”**

**Fatima Nerwai ‘16**

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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**

**Crosby High School Academic Choice for Excellence is a place for serious study and appropriate behavior. The students in this program are an integral part of the Crosby student body and participate in extra-curricular and community activities. The program itself is an accelerated honors program of studies geared toward college bound students who follow a rigorous course of studies. 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.**

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**Criteria for Admission to the ACE Program**

1. Must be a Waterbury resident.
2. Completion of all parts of the application.
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, etc.) 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?
7. Personal Interview.
8. Application must be received by **December 21, 2012.**
9. Notification of acceptance by mail.

## ACE Course of Study for Grades 9-12

Courses	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>English</b>	ACE English 9	ACE English 10	AP Language or Honors English 11	AP Literature or Honors English 12 or UCONN English
<b>Mathematics</b>	ACE Algebra II	ACE Geometry	ACE Pre-Calc (required) AP Statistics	AP Calculus A/B or B/C
	ACE Algebra I	ACE Geometry	ACE Algebra II	ACE Pre-Calc
<b>Social Studies</b>	ACE Civics and Comparative Government	AP World or ACE Roots of American Citizenship/ US History I	AP US History or ACE US History II	UCONN Modern European History or AP Psychology
<b>Science</b>	ACE Biology	ACE Chemistry	ACE Physics (required) AP Biology or AP Environmental Science	ACE Human Biology or AP Biology or AP Environmental Science
<b>Business and Technology</b>	ACE MS Word & ACE MultiMedia (required)	ACE Computers I (required)	Elective	Elective
		ACE Technology Lab (required)		
<b>Foreign Language</b> (colleges may require 3 years of the <b>same</b> foreign language)	ACE French I	ACE French II	ACE French III	ACE French IV
	ACE Spanish I	ACE Spanish II	ACE Spanish III	ACE Spanish IV
<b>Physical Education</b>	ACE PE (required)		Elective	Elective

## College Acceptances

American University

Bentley

Boston College

Boston University

Bryant

CCSU

Columbia

Connecticut College

Cornell

Dartmouth

Drexel

ECSU

Emmanuel

Fairfield

Fordham

Franklin Pierce

George Mason University

Hofstra

Holy Cross College

Johnson and Wales

Marist

MASS School of Pharmacy

Mount Holyoke

Mount St. Mary

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

NYU

Philadelphia School of the  
Sciences

Providence College

Quinnipiac University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Sacred Heart

Salve Regina

SCSU

Sienna College

Smith

Springfield College

St. John's University

Syracuse

Temple

Trinity College

University of New Haven

University of Connecticut

University of Hartford

University of Maine

University of Massachusetts

University of New Haven

University of Notre Dame

University of Rhode Island

University of Rochester

University of the Arts

Villanova

WCSU

Wesleyan

Western New England

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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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** 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 Dean of ACE 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. Students who have more than 10 absences may be removed from the program.

### **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 READING AND ASSIGNMENTS**

**It is mandatory** that ACE students complete summer reading. Within the first week of school, students will be assessed on their summer reading assignments. If a student does not perform at expected goal (mastery level) on the assessment, it is clear that they have not completed the assignment, the following will apply:

- 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.

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAM ISSUES**

Students must be enrolled in ACE/AP/UCONN classes for all academic subjects (Honors English 11 and 12 accepted). 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 convene to assess the student's academic program and will be deselected from the program.

### **ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM AS A SOPHOMORE**

By April of freshman year, an application must be completed and submitted to the Dean of ACE. Student must have a cumulative average of 80 or better, three (3) teacher recommendations, no discipline referrals and 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.

## **GROUNDS 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 75 GPA (Grade Point Average) for the entire year. If a 75 GPA is not attained, the student will be deselected from the program.

2. Offenses which can cause removal:

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| a. Serious disciplinary offenses | d. Vandalism       | g. Plagiarism |
| b. Cheating                      | e. Forgery         | h. Suspension |
| c. Stealing                      | f. Insubordination |               |

3. Offenses which, when repeated, may lead to removal from the Program:

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| a. Class cuts/ disruptions          | f. Dress Code Violations            |
| b. Gambling                         | g. Lying                            |
| c. Leaving class without permission | h. Use of Obscene Language          |
| d. Insolence                        | i. Possession of electronic devices |
| e. Smoking                          |                                     |

**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.

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 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.

### **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. 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 ACE parent meetings 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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