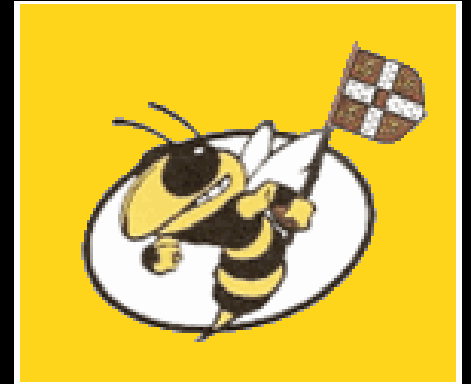


St. Augustine High School



Cambridge A.I.C.E.

Advanced International Certificate of Education

Welcome!

SAHS AICE Contacts

- Dr. Graham, Principal
- Ms. Michelle Davis, Assistant Principal
- Ms. Bechtle, AICE School Counselor/Program Coordinator
- Dawn Eakins, College & Career Counselor/Exams Officer

A.I.C.E. at St. Augustine High

- St. Augustine High started the Cambridge A.I.C.E. program in 1997.
- SAHS was the 2nd school in the US to begin an A.I.C.E. program.
- Rigorous and Flexible Curriculum
 - 33 AICE Level Courses
 - Writing based
 - Critical Thinking
 - Heavy analyzing, less memorization

What is A.I.C.E.?

- Advanced International Certificate of Education
- Advanced studies program affiliated with Cambridge International Examinations in the United Kingdom
- C.I.E. is the largest program like this in the world with over 10,000 participating schools in over 160 countries
- Students explore areas of strength and interest while taking college-level courses in HS
- Rigorous, international curriculum that is heavily writing-based – strong emphasis on critical thinking, analysis, interpretation

Why A.I.C.E.?

- Flexible Curriculum
- Future Predictor of College Success
 - FSU Study
- GPA Points
- College Credit
- Bright Futures



FSU Study

- AICE Students = 4-year graduation rate = 90%
 - Vs. 78% via no accelerated HS program
- AICE students B.A. achieved = 3.8 years ave.
- Cambridge students = higher grades
 - 73% earned A's, vs. 43% of control group
 - 98% earned C's or above vs. 91% control group
- 6 subjects studied – students who passed AICE Exams
 - 50 – 81% AICE students earned A's in subsequent courses
 - 38 – 73% control group earned A's (no AICE exams)

AICE Exam Results at SAHS 2022 Exam Session

- Overall, SAHS AS pass rate = 83.7%
 - Increase from June 2019 – 65% (19% increase!)
 - Statewide increase = 8%
 - Nat'l overall pass rate = 78%
- ADIP's earned
 - 74 (89%) in 2020
 - 97 (92%) in 2021
 - 125 (95%) in 2022

Successful AICE Applicant

- FSA Reading = level 4 or above (3 minimum)
- Alg. 1 completed (preferred, not required)
- A/B student, advanced level MS courses
- Highly motivated for academic success
- Positive Teacher Recommendations
- Dedicated to studies – keep up with HW
- Organized – handling rigor & extra-curricular
- Willing to communicate with teachers - ask for help!

Application Process

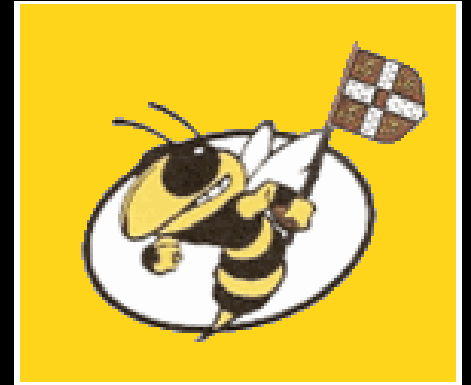
- Apply on HAC account through *January 31st, 2023*
 - <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> for more info.
- Teacher recommendations sent to Mrs. Bechtle (one each from the current English, Math, Science, Social Studies teacher)

Private School/Home School Applicants only:

- Must apply via the PowerSchool Online Registration link:
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/>
 - or call the CTE Department (547-4870).
 - Submit most recent report card & any standardized testing results to Ms. Bechtle (via postal service or email)
- Everything should be received here at SAHS by the end of the day on *January 31st, 2023*
- Notification in Feb. 2023

Out-of-Zone Applicants

- Cannot select AICE at SAHS if your zoned school has IB or AICE
- Choose SAHS Academy(s) as 1st (& 2nd) choice (lottery based)
- Can select IB or AICE for 2nd or 3rd choice if offered by your zoned school, and you have an interest
- Distribute Teacher Rec. forms for AICE now
 - *This is how we know your student is interested in AICE at SAHS*
- We will review academy acceptances first – then AICE decisions
- AICE decisions will be emailed (by Ms. Bechtle vs. HAC notification)



The A.I.C.E. Program Student

Expectations

Expectations in AICE

DO

- Expect to struggle!
(If you're not challenged, you're not growing!!)
- Remain Organized
- Keep up with your work
- Ask teachers for help
- Use outside tutors
- Reach out to friends
- Try different solutions/study methods

DON'T

- Dismiss a low grade
- Focus on the exam results
- Get discouraged with a low grade – figure it out!
- Try to “fix” the problem yourself
- Engage in harmful attitudes or blaming others
- Blame the “teaching style”
- DON'T Give Up!

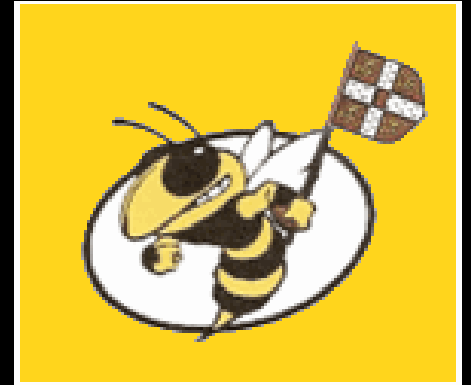
9th Grade Schedule

- AICE English General Paper*
- Biology 1 Honors
- Pre-AICE Global Perspectives
- Geometry, Algebra 2 Honors, AICE Math
- Pre-AICE Language 1 (or 2)
- Elective (or Academy Course)
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College Level Class

The AICE Student at SAHS:

- Participates in multiple areas of interest
 - Multiple academies – very common!
- Participates in service projects
- Specific AICE Program Activities
- The most highly-trained teachers in the school
- Dedicated AICE School Counselor



**A.I.C.E. Curriculum Requirements
VS.
Cambridge A.I.C.E. Diploma Award**

What's the Difference?

Graduation Requirements for the A.I.C.E. Curriculum

■ AICE Curriculum

COMPLETE* **Seven** A.I.C.E. level courses with at least one in each academic category

- "Complete" means = *1. earn a passing grade in the course and
2. "sit for" (take) the FULL Cambridge exam at the end of the course.

■ Academic Categories:

- Language
- Math/Science
- Humanities
- The "Core"
- Optional Category – Interdisciplinary Studies

Course Options

- AICE English (all 4 years)
- AICE Global Perspectives (11th grade)
- Options for subject categories
- AICE Students CAN take DE Courses

Graduation Requirements for the A.I.C.E. Curriculum

- AICE English required all 4 years
- Global Perspectives required 11th grade year
- AICE Curriculum Completers = **Exempt** from HOPE, Fine Arts, American Government, Economics & Online course
- PASSING AICE Exams is **NOT** required for graduation!
- Must meet course progression requirements for university entry
 - (i.e., 4 (AICE) English, 2 World Language, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 4 Math)

Cambridge A.I.C.E. Diploma Award

The A.I.C.E. Diploma Award (ADIP) is an internationally recognized AWARD for academic rigor

- *Must Pass seven (7) A/AS Level Exams*
 - Pass at least 1 exam in each category (grade of “a” – “e”)
 - 25-month time period for award calculation
- Automatically qualified for Florida Academic Bright Futures Scholarship (top level)
 - Must have 100 hours Community Service logged
 - GPA and ACT/SAT requirement **waived**

Exam Sessions/Options

- June Exam Session: Cambridge Exam after course
 - Multiple “Papers” per subject, not just one exam
- November Exam Session = retakes
- Exam Schedule – ***WILL go into June each year!!!***
- AM exams START at 8:45am, *no bus those days!*

Bright Futures

- Florida Scholar Award (FSA - top level)
 - Pays 100% of tuition
- ADIP Earners
 - SAT/ACT Score requirement waived
 - GPA requirement waived
- Community Service Hours – NEW procedures
 - 100 Hours for FSA
 - Volunteer or work hours can be used!

AICE Exams in College

- Admissions advantage for success in AICE program/courses
- Each exam passed = college credit earned
- ALL FL Public Colleges accept/award college credit for passing scores on AICE Exams

AICE Exams in College

- Private/out-of-state colleges will have their own policy about credit-by-exam (AICE, IB, and DE) – check websites.
 - Over 850 colleges/universities have Cambridge exam policies
- Taking (& doing well in) the **COURSES** = admissions advantage - gets you in the door!
- Cambridge Electronic Transcript Request = submit in March of senior year.

In a Nutshell

- FLEXIBLE
- Explore Multiple Interests in HS
- College Admissions Advantage
- Head start on College Credits
- Skills for College Success

Handouts

- AICE Course Progression
- AICE Fact Sheet
- AICE Brochure
- Teacher Recommendation forms

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Questions??

**In the Lobby – Ms. Bechtle &
AICE students**
