

What is the AICE Program at BHS?

The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (Cambridge AICE) is a group certificate which requires learners to study subjects drawn from three curriculum areas within Cambridge International AS & A Level: mathematics and science, languages, and arts and humanities, over the course of three years. For students seeking the AICE Diploma, there is also a compulsory core subject, Cambridge International AS Level Global Perspectives & Research, in addition to a community service/paid work requirement of 100 hours.

While we are excited to offer this program as the newest AICE school in St. Johns County Schools, Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications have been taken by over 175,000 learners in nearly 130 countries every year.



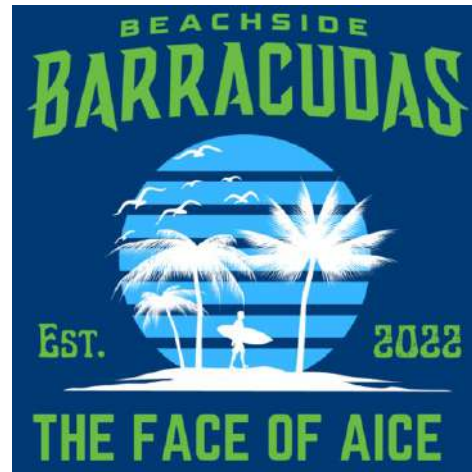
Who are we?

We are Beachside! We are Barracudas!

Beachside High School opened its doors to students and faculty in August of 2022 and is the newest high school in St. Johns County.

As the newest high school in SJCS, Beachside has developed a unique and purposeful set of academy and advanced academic offerings providing our students with the knowledge and skills essential for post-secondary success and career readiness.

The AICE Program at Beachside is the newest Program of Choice and provides students access to advanced, college-level curriculum accompanying their general or academy course of study. We opened our doors with a cohort of 51 AICE freshmen, excited to begin their three year process of obtaining the AICE Diploma. AICE has been selected at BHS as a way to provide our students flexibility in their academic course offerings while challenging students through a rigorous, in-depth curriculum designed to engage students in real-world problem solving and critical



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BEACHSIDE BARRACUDAS



AICE

Advanced International
Certificate of Education



*Cambridge International
Preparing students for life, helping them
to develop an informed curiosity and a
lasting passion for learning.*



Why choose AICE at Beachside?

- AICE offers students a wide range of subjects from which students can choose
- AICE students develop abilities in learning independently and in collaborative learning environments
- AICE students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills
- AICE students develop research skills
- AICE assessments allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a variety of ways
- AICE Diploma recipients qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars Bright Futures Scholarship (100% In-state scholarship)
- AICE students earn college credit for AICE coursework/exams and can earn up to 45 college credit hours
- AICE students receive an extra 1.0 GPA quality point for each passing grade. Pre-AICE earns an additional .5 GPA point.
- AICE coursework is not only seen as rigorous to colleges and universities in the U.S. but is recognized internationally in over 160 countries.

What does AICE look like at BHS?

9th Grade

AICE General Paper (English)
AICE Thinking Skills
Pre-AICE Biology/Chemistry
Pre-AICE Spanish
Geometry Honors/Algebra 2 Honors
Elective or Career Academy Class
Elective

Students who complete the AICE Diploma must complete a minimum of 14 AICE credits (**7 courses and examinations**) as identified by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International) in the **Diploma Core** and **three (3) academic areas/groups** over three (3) years:

AICE Diploma Core—AICE Global Perspectives & Research AS level

Group 1—Mathematics and Sciences (*Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Management, Marine Science, Mathematics, Physical Education, Psychology*)

Group 2—Languages (*English Language, English Language and Literature, French, Portuguese, Spanish*)

Group 3—Arts and Humanities (*Art & Design, Business, Digital Media, Drama, English Literature, International History, US History, Media Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Travel & Tourism*)

Group 4—Interdisciplinary (*General Paper, Thinking Skills*)



What colleges say about AICE

- All 12 public colleges/universities in the state of Florida accept AICE credits
- 100% of Ivy League universities accept AICE as an advanced program of study
- Over 640 colleges/universities across the U.S. accept AICE credits-by-exam with varying policies
- Questions about AICE Credits and college? See the FLDOE Articulation guide here:



What AICE graduates say

- “I loved thinking logically and feeling as though I was discovering the fine details of how the world worked.”
-Maggie, University of Washington
- “I chose the subjects I was interested in and which I also hoped to study in college. They were also subjects I knew would challenge me and develop specific academic skills such as writing – essential for any course of study.”
-Jenna, Columbia University
- “[Credit earned for Cambridge International A Levels] reduced the number of hours I needed to take at school, allowing more flexibility for scheduling and class choices, and also gave me the opportunity to take additional study programmes.”
-Erika, Vanderbilt University