

Frequently Asked Questions about Academic Career Education High School

Q: Why attend ACE High School?

A: Students who desire a smaller school, like to help others, want a chance to gain work experience and are curious to know how and why things work will like ACE High School. Career and technical education themes will be weaved into core subject areas to illustrate how material taught in school is applied in the work setting.

Q: Why mix academics and career education?

A: In a study conducted for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, more than 80% of dropouts said their chances of staying in school would have increased if classes provided opportunities for real-world learning. A.C.E. High School is designed to connect the classroom with the world of work. By working closely with the Rockford community's industry and workforce leaders, A.C.E. High School students will be fully engaged in their learning.

Q: What are entrance requirements?

A: A passing grade in Algebra I and better than 90% attendance as a freshman is our goal. If requirements are not met a student can still apply. There is no guarantee of admission.

Q: Where is the school and what about busing, lunch and school events?

A: Bus routes will run to ACE High School, located at RVC's Stenstrom Center on Samuelson Road. After school, students will be bused back to their zone high school so they can be involved in after-school activities or continue home. Lunch will be served at ACE H.S.

Q: Will I take college classes?

A: ACE High School will work closely with Rock Valley College to maximize the potential for earning college credit while in high school.

Q: What occupational areas will be explored at A.C.E. High School?

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Aerospace
Engineering and Manufacturing Technology
Health Occupations
Human Services

Q: What grade levels are at ACE High School?

A: A.C.E. High School is designed to house grades 10–12. To ensure students have opportunities for work-based-learning experiences, enrollment in occupational areas will be capped. For the 2008–2009 school year the projected enrollment is 60 sophomores. Students will be added each succeeding year.

Admission Requirements:

Complete an application for admission.
Have better than 90% school attendance and successfully completed 9th grade.
Passed Algebra 1 with a grade of C or better.
Earned 2.0+ GPA.
Create individualized graduation plan.
Interview with advisory panel.

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Q: Will students receive a standard diploma?

A: Yes. Additionally, to reward students excelling in their respective fields, A.C.E. High School would like to grant a Technical Honors Diploma for students earning a 3.5+ GPA.

Q: Who are the workforce partners?

A: A.C.E. High School is not possible without involvement from business, labor, industry, and post-secondary partners. Vital to the school are field experience sites which allow students to apply classroom instruction to the world of work. The following lists companies, organizations, and individuals who have expressed a desire to be involved in A.C.E. High School:

Workforce Connections

Rockford Area Economic Development Council

Junior Achievement

LaVoz Latina

Department of Labor Training Coordinators

Fabricators and Manufacturers Association

Northern Illinois Building Contractors Association

Rockford Tooling and Machining Association

YouthBuild

Rock Valley College

Career Education Associates of North Central Illinois

EIGERlab

Rockford Area Ventures

Rockford Chamber of Commerce

Woodward

Rockford Linear Actuation

Reliable Machine

Is ACE High School right for you?

Do you like to:

Learn in a small setting?

Help others solve problems?

Think about careers that interest you?

Take things apart to see how they work?

If you answered yes to any of the above, we hope you consider applying to ACE High School. ACE High School is looking for 60 students, now freshmen, who want to start sophomore year out at a new school learning the skills needed to be successful in a technical world.

ACE High School will begin in August 2008 and is open to District 205 students who meet entrance requirements. **Applications can be obtained from your guidance counselor or by calling Mr. Michael Cermak at (815) 966-3036 or emailing cermakm@rps205.com.**