



Technology Academy FAQs

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What is the Technology Academy (TA)?

The Technology Academy is for students who have a keen interest in technology. Our program offers three concentrated strands: pre-engineering, information technology, and entrepreneurship. Students attend Landstown High School full-time, where they are able to meet the requirements of either the standard or advanced studies diploma. Academy courses count as electives courses.

Who is eligible to apply to the Technology Academy?

For the 2010-2011 school year, approximately 100 rising ninth graders will be admitted to the Technology Academy. Students in other grade levels may apply; however, admission is offered on a space-available basis.

Is transportation provided?

The division provides bus transportation to admitted students who live out of the attendance zone. At the start of the school year, Transportation Services maps the student routes based on the address in the student database. To avoid transportation delays, it is important that the correct address is in our computer system. After-school activity transportation is also provided should your child play a sport or be involved in an extracurricular activity.

How do I apply to the Technology Academy?

There are two parts to the application process: (1) written application with essay and (2) electronic portfolio. All middle school guidance offices have the upcoming year's Academy application. It is also available for download on the websites mentioned above. Students should take care to follow the directions and to complete the application legibly.

Students must submit an electronic portfolio with their application. There is a document that offers twelve suggested activities; students select three of the twelve to complete. The CD of their activities must accompany the application in order for the application to be considered. Any CD media turned in with the application cannot be returned to the applicant.

When is the deadline for applying to the Technology Academy?

All applications must be received at Landstown High School by February 1, 2010.

When will applicants be notified whether they've been offered acceptance?

Notification letters will be mailed to applicants on March 12, 2010. Letters of intent must be received by the Technology Academy Coordinator by April 12, 2010.

Can I arrange a visit of the school?

Please contact Mrs. Diehl to discuss shadowing experience opportunities for potential students to visit Landstown High School and the Technology Academy.

What do you mean by being able to earn Associate's degree credits?

Student may be eligible to earn, or to work towards an Associate's degree in Applied Science from Tidewater Community College. It is important to understand that mere enrollment at Landstown High School will not guarantee an Associate's degree. Students will have to take some classes on their own time (after school or during the summer).

My child will be attending the Governor's School program (or the Advanced Technology Center). Is it possible for him/her to still attend the Technology Academy?

This is possible; however, a student who will attend Governor's School and also wishes to attend the Technology Academy may have to take required core courses in summer school.

What's a typical ninth grade student schedule like?

Academy Honors English 9/10
Math (usually Algebra I or Geometry)
Social Studies (World History I, World History II, or World Geography)
Science (usually Earth Science or Biology)
Foreign Language (usually a first or second year of a Foreign Language)
Health/PE 9
Technology class

Academy students take seven academic courses with an approved course overload.

Does Landstown offer advanced core or AP classes?

Academy students will have an equal opportunity to enroll in AP classes so long as they meet the prerequisites of the course. Landstown High School offers the same advanced core and AP classes as the other high schools in the division.

Can a Technology Academy student participate in extracurricular activities?

Technology Academy students attend Landstown High School as full members of the student body. This means they may participate in all activities and opportunities available to Landstown High School students.

What four-year colleges are accepting Technology Academy graduates?

The College of William and Mary, Dartmouth University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Harvard University, Howard University, James Madison University, Longwood University, Tulane University, University of Missouri, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, and the United States Air Force Academy, to name a few.