



ADVANCED CAREER EDUCATION CENTER AT HIGHLAND SPRINGS

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Advanced Career Education Center at Highland Springs is one of two technical centers within the Henrico County Public School division and is located in eastern Henrico County. The center has a staff of 40, which includes 25 teachers, serving 600 juniors and seniors. Students from all nine Henrico County high schools are provided technical opportunities with emphasis on core academics in the programs.

ACADEMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Students who wish to attend the ACE Center at Highland Springs are considered for admission based on a selection process. Students are enrolled in an academic program at their "home" high school while also attending the ACE Center at Highland Springs for their technical electives, which they attend every other day. Classes are organized into six-hour blocks every other day and students earn up to three credits per year for course completion. These skill-based programs prepare students with job-entry skills preparation for career-readiness, post-secondary education or the military. Depending on the specific tech center program and the job market, seniors are given the opportunity to work during their second year in a job related to the classroom or lab experiences they have at the ACE Center. In many of the programs, students are provided instruction in preparation for certifications and licensing exams in medical and industry-based fields. These exams are regulated by the Commonwealth of Virginia organizations that provide accreditation/licensure or certification.

Dual Enrollment Courses

Computer Systems Technology I & II	Criminal Justice I & II	Early Childhood Education I & II	Auto Technology I & II
Nurse Aide	Pharmacy	High Tech Academy I & II	

* Denotes dual-enrollment offerings through Reynolds College, or Virginia Commonwealth University. Dual enrollment is a plan that allows high school students to meet the requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit. Each dual enrollment course will receive one weighted credit; GPA weighting of dual enrollment courses will be the same as AP courses.

Certification*/Licensure @

Auto Body*	Computer Systems Tech*	Early Childhood Education*	Hospitality*	Pharmacy@
Auto Technology*	Cosmetology@	Electricity*	Masonry*	Practical Nursing@**
Carpentry*	Criminal Justice*	High Tech Academy*	Nurse Aide*	Radio Broadcast/Journalism*

**Practical Nursing is an 18-month course for seniors only. Seniors will attend the Advanced Career Education Center at Highland Springs the first nine months during the regular school year. After high school graduation, students attend on-site classes at Mt. Vernon Adult Education Center to complete the second nine months of the curriculum.

Grading Scale (effective Sept. 2, 2014)

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	4.0 Scale
A+	97-100	4.0
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1.0
F	Below 65	0.0

Student Organizations

FCCLA: Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
DECA: Distributive Education Clubs of America
NTHS: National Technical Honor Society
HOSA: Health Occupation Students of America
SkillsUSA: Trade/Industrial Club of America
TSA: Technology Student Association
TES: Tech Ethics Society
VEX: Robotics
EA: Equity Ambassadors

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE TESTING:
90 percent for the school

The following are state waiver and relief measures as a result of COVID-19 currently in effect as of September 9, 2020 that may impact the graduating class of 2021.

- A waiver of the requirement that a pupil be withdrawn from the roll after 15 consecutive absences, as found at [8VAC20-110-130](#), if such student is known to be absent **due to illness or quarantine due to COVID-19**.
- Students graduating in 2020-2021 shall be relieved of the requirement to complete training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillator, including hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. (§ [22.1-253.13:4.D.7](#))
- A waiver of the career and technical education credential requirement for any student who is graduating in 2020-2021 and seeking a Standard Diploma under the graduation requirements in [8VAC20-131-50](#).
- A waiver of the first additional requirement for graduation (Advanced Placement, Honors, or International Baccalaureate Course or Career and Technical Education Credential) for any student who is graduating in 2020-2021 but under the graduation requirements in 8VAC20-131-51; or is a career and technical education program completer as of summer 2020 term and intended to use a career and technical education credentialing test to meet the additional requirement for graduation.
- A waiver of the student selected test for any student who is graduating in 2020-2021 and seeking either a Standard or Advanced Diploma under the graduation requirements in 8VAC20-131-50; or is a career and technical education program completer as of the summer 2020 term and intended to use a career and technical education credentialing test to meet their student selected test requirement.
- A waiver of the requirement in [8VAC20-131-30](#) that students in middle and secondary schools must take all applicable end-of-course SOL tests following course instruction unless they have already earned a verified credit in that subject area. Middle and high school students must still take all end-of-course SOL tests required for federal accountability. Middle and high school students may take any end-of-course SOL test needed for verified credit for graduation. This waiver only applies to the 2020-2021 school year.
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction will waive accreditation for each public school for the 2021-2022 school year based on data from 2020-2021. The accreditation label assigned to each public school for 2021-2022 will be "accreditation waived."
- A waiver of the requirement to attempt the associated SOL end-of-course test twice and score within the 375-399 scaled score range in order to earn the locally awarded verified for the following students:
 - Students graduating in 2020-2021 or beyond who were enrolled in a high-school credit bearing course that was eligible for a verified credit in the spring or summer of 2020.
 - Students graduating in 2020-2021 or beyond who earned a standard credit prior to the spring 2020 semester seeking **ONE** verified credit and who meet the following conditions:
 - previously failed the corresponding SOL end-of-course test needed for verified credit with any scaled score;
 - were scheduled to take the SOL end-of-course test in the spring 2020 test administration; and
 - in spring or summer 2020 were provided with targeted and sustained remediation or enrolled in a course intended to prepare them for taking the previously failed SOL end-of-course test.
- A waiver on the cap of locally-awarded verified credits that can be earned by the following students:
 - Students graduating in 2020-2021 or beyond who were enrolled in a high-school credit bearing course that was eligible for a verified credit in the spring or summer of 2020.
 - Students graduating in 2020-2021 or beyond who earned a standard credit prior to the spring 2020 semester seeking **ONE** verified credit and who meet the following conditions:
 - previously failed the corresponding SOL end-of-course test needed for verified credit with any scaled score;
 - were scheduled to take the SOL end-of-course test in the spring 2020 test administration; and
 - in spring or summer 2020 were provided with targeted and sustained remediation or enrolled in a course intended to prepare them for taking the previously failed SOL end-of-course test.