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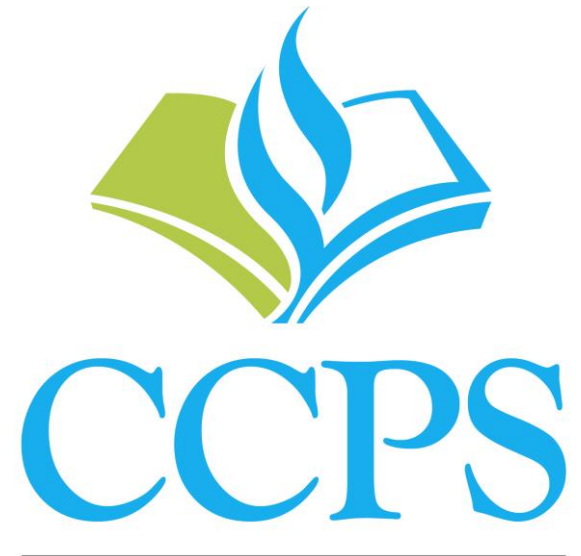
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**The Advanced Studies
Laureate Curriculum
of the
District School Board of Collier County
leading to the
Laureate Diploma**



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The Advanced Studies Laureate Program

The overall goal of the Advanced Studies Laureate Program is to provide a rigorous academic course of study and to challenge and recognize high-achieving students. Although centered on Advanced Studies courses, the program encompasses other activities that enhance a student's general background and preparation for higher education. The program assumes each candidate's exceptional motivation, aptitude, and achievement while encouraging high levels of integration of ideas and application of skills.

Laureate Diploma, Certificate, and Scholar Awards

Collier County Public Schools' students who wish a challenging high school program may aspire to earn a Laureate Diploma, a Laureate Certificate, or a Laureate Scholar Award. The Scholar Award is available only to students in schools with limited Advanced Studies programs (Immokalee High School and Everglades City Schools). Students must apply for admission to the program, meet the entrance criteria, and complete the following:

- **Advanced Studies Laureate Diploma:**
Complete six or more Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) AS level* courses covering at least three areas — Mathematics and Science, Languages, and Arts and Humanities — with a cumulative AP or AICE test average of 3.0/E or better on six of the exams.
- **Advanced Studies Laureate Certificate:**
Complete five or more Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) AS level* courses covering at least two areas — Mathematics and Science, Languages, and Arts and Humanities — with a cumulative AP or AICE test average of 3.0/E or better on five of the exams.
- **Advanced Studies Laureate Scholar Award:**
Complete three or more Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) AS level* courses covering at least two areas — Mathematics and Science, Languages, and Arts and Humanities — with a cumulative AP or AICE test average of 3.0/E or better on five of the exams.
* Students who complete an Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) A level course exam will earn two qualifying credits.

The Advanced Studies Laureate Candidate must also:

- Maintain an un-weighted, cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above for all courses applied to graduation.
- Meet designated graduation requirements.
- Accrue a minimum of 100 hours of documented community service.
- Present a 4,000-6,000 word Laureate essay in the junior or senior year to a community panel.

- Participate in at least two school-based demonstrations of excellence per year upon application for the diploma or certificate.

At Collier County Public Schools' spring academic recognition programs and at graduation, students in the program will be recognized as Advanced Studies Laureate Candidates potentially eligible for Laureate Diploma, Certificate, or Scholar Awards. Upon receipt of the Advanced Studies test results, final designation of awards will be determined.

Specific Guidelines for the Program

Guidelines for admission to Collier County's Laureate Program:

- Application submitted with documentation.
- Studies in the 85th percentile or above on standardized achievement tests or teachers' and principal's recommendation if below the 85th percentile.
- An un-weighted, cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above for the preceding three years.
- Documentation of parent's(s') commitment to the program, including signature(s) on the application form to indicate willingness to help the Laureate candidate and to monitor the student's progress with a guidance counselor.
- Documentation of student's commitment to the program indicated by his or her signature on the application, attendance at required meetings, and acceptance of responsibility to monitor own progress with school staff.

Demonstration requirement of Collier County's Laureate Program:

- **Academic, Co-curricular Group:**
Students must complete at least one of the two required portfolio/demonstrations per year in the program from the academic group; however, both may come from this group. To count as Laureate credit, each activity must receive prior approval of the student's academic advisor. Examples are listed below:
 - Journalism or creating writing competitions
 - Mock Trial, Teen Court, or Model United Nations competitions
 - Science Fair or Envirothon competitions
 - Mu Alpha Theta competitions
- **Extra-curricular Group:**
Students may complete one portfolio/demonstration per year in the program from the extra-curricular group. To receive Laureate credit, the activity must receive prior approval of the student's academic advisor. Examples are listed below:
 - Band, orchestra, or choral competitions, concerts, and recitals
 - Art competitions and shows
 - Dramatic presentations
 - Participation in interscholastic athletics
 - JROTC competitions