

My student was invited to apply. Will this mean s/he is automatically accepted?

Each middle school will have a school site review team, which is led by the principal. The team will review all submitted applications to determine that the students' academic achievement, commitment to the program, attendance, and behavior are conducive to the Cambridge Secondary program.

What assessments will my student take?

Students will take the statewide assessments that correspond to the courses and/or grade level in which they are enrolled. Therefore, students in 7th grade will continue to take the FSA ELA assessment, FSA Mathematics assessment, and Civics End-of-Course (EOC) assessment. Students taking Algebra will take the Algebra EOC.

Will the Pre-AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) course be administered the Cambridge Pre-AICE assessment?

Students in the Pre-AICE course will not take the Cambridge Pre-AICE assessment. Collier County Public Schools does not administer Cambridge Pre-AICE assessments at the high school and therefore, will not administer Cambridge Pre-AICE assessments at the middle school level.

If my student participates in Cambridge Secondary in middle school, will s/he have to take Cambridge AICE courses in high school?

Participation in the Cambridge Secondary program in middle school does not mean that students have to take Cambridge AICE courses in high school. Once in high school, students may choose from the various Advanced Studies options (Advanced Placement, Cambridge AICE, and/or Dual Enrollment courses).

If my student does not participate in Cambridge Secondary in middle school, will s/he still be able to take Cambridge AICE courses in high school?

Yes, participation in the various Advanced Studies options (Advanced Placement, Cambridge AICE, and/or Dual Enrollment courses) at the high school level is not dependent on participation in Cambridge Secondary at the middle school level.

My student has been accepted into the Cambridge Secondary cohort, but we have since changed our mind about participating. Can we remove her from the Cambridge Secondary cohort?

If you and your student decide to not participate in the Cambridge Secondary program, please notify the school as soon as possible so the school may make the appropriate adjustment to the student's schedule. The expectation is for students to participate in the Cambridge Secondary program for the full year.

My student has an out-of-zone request pending. To which school will the Cambridge Secondary application be submitted? What happens to my student's acceptance if the out-of-zone request is approved?

Cambridge Secondary applications are to be submitted to the school for which your student is zoned. If an out-of-zone request is approved, your student's participation in the Cambridge Secondary program will be transferred to the requested school.

Why does the Cambridge Secondary application ask my student to list his/her outside activities?

If the student chooses to continue in Advanced Studies in the high school, community service hours are a consideration for Bright Futures. Therefore, consideration of a student's outside activities allows the school site review team to get to know another aspect of the student. For students identified as gifted, outside activities are but one aspect that is considered when creating the student's Educational Plan (EP).

Does my student have to remain in the Cambridge Secondary program for each grade level in middle school?

You and your student will have the option to request to not participate in the Cambridge Secondary program for the following year. This will be addressed in the spring when the school begins scheduling students for the upcoming school year.

How much homework will be assigned in the Cambridge Secondary courses?

Homework in the Cambridge Secondary courses will be qualitatively different, not quantitatively different than standard advanced level courses. For example, if a student in an advanced math course is assigned 15 math problems for homework this does not mean that the Cambridge Secondary math course will have a homework assignment of 25 math problems. Instead, the Cambridge Secondary math course may also have 15 math problems that will challenge students

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to delve deeper into their understanding and application of the math concepts. The additional rigor of the Cambridge Secondary program does not necessarily equate to more homework.

May my child take only one Cambridge Secondary class or does he/she have to take all Cambridge Secondary classes offered?

Students accepted into Cambridge Secondary will be scheduled in all Cambridge Secondary classes offered.

Is the Pre-AICE course a weighted course for grade point average (GPA) calculation?

Yes, the Pre-AICE course is weighted like a high school honors course and will apply towards the student's high school GPA.

What is the difference between Advanced Placement (AP) and AICE, both of which are offered in high school?

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are created by the College Board and provide college-level courses and exams in various subject areas.

Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses are pre-university courses for students who are studying for the Cambridge assessments.

Advanced Studies options for students in the high school provide the opportunity to earn high school credit while also potentially earning college credit if a student earns a passing score on the corresponding assessment.

Dual enrollment is another Advanced Studies option for high school students and allows them to earn college/vocational credit towards a post-secondary diploma, certificate, or degree at a Florida public institution while also earning credit towards a high school diploma.