Palmetto Ridge High School
Advanced Academic Programs

Cambridge AICE Diploma Program
College Board AP Courses
The Advanced Studies Laureate Diploma Program
Dual – Enrollment Options
To provide a full range of learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of all PRHS students.
Our Students and Their Future

- National Center for Education
  - Sobering statistics for US students K-12
    - 65% enter college
    - 40% graduate
  - “Only about 4 in 10 eighth graders [ultimately] earn an Associate’s degree or a Bachelor’s degree”
require a strong student commitment to:

- Manage time efficiently
- Ability to work independently
- Be willing to devote time to homework
- Seek help when needed
- Persevere – even when it’s tough
- Improve reading, writing, presentation, and research skills
Cambridge AICE

- Develops investigative approach to learning
- Offers variety of subject areas
  - 11 offered at PRHS
  - Pre-AICE = Honors
  - Weight (+ 0.04) for grade of C or better for the year
  - AICE = AP = GPA boost of .08 for the year
  - Equivalent to university freshman courses
  - Weight (+ 0.08) for grade of C or better
What are the benefits of an AICE Diploma?

Automatically Earn Florida Bright Futures Scholarship at the top Level: Academic Scholar

Regardless of SAT or ACT scores -

- In the last few years the SAT and ACT scores have increased to
  - ACT score for Scholar’s level is up to a composite of 29
  - SAT score, verbal and math, is up to a composite of 1290

Complete 100 hours of community service
AICE Diploma Requirements for current 9th and 10th grade students

- Candidates must earn a total of 7 credits
- Candidates must earn a minimum of one credit in Groups 1, 2, 3, and the Core (Global Perspectives) within 25 months = 3 exam cycles
  - **Group 1: Mathematics and Science** = 1 credit
  - **Group 2: Languages** = 1 credit
  - **Group 3: Arts and Humanities** = 1 credit
  - **Core: Global Perspectives AS level** = 1 credit
    - plus
  - 3 additional credits in any group
AICE Diploma Requirements for current 9th & 10th grade students

- **Group 1**
  - Math & Science
  - 1 credit

- **Group 2**
  - Languages
  - 1 credit

- **Group 3**
  - Arts & Humanities
  - 1 credit

- **Group 4**
  - Interdisciplinary & Skills-based

- **CORE**
  - Global Perspectives
  - 1 credit

7 total credits required for the Cambridge AICE Diploma
AICE Courses
Distribution for 9 & 10th grade

AICE courses offered at PRHS 2015-2016

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<td>Psychology * Marine Science</td>
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<td>Business Music US History Psychology * Travel &amp;Tourism</td>
<td>Global Perspectives (A) Thinking Skills (A) * General Paper</td>
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How do I take an AICE course?

- All students taking an AICE course must fill out an AICE application and meet District requirements.

- Students must be recommended for AICE classes based on prior academic performance.
Advanced Placement Courses

International
  • Thousands of schools around the world
  115 countries
Variety of AP Courses and AP Exams
Benefits of AP

- Rigor: equivalent to university freshman courses
- Depth and breadth of subject matter
- Preparation for SAT and ACT
- Academic preparation for Bright Futures Awards
- Possible college credit or advanced standing with scores 3-5
- Credits toward a CCPS Laureate Diploma
# AP classes offered at PRHS 2015 - 2016

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2015 - 2016
Q. Can I still take AICE classes if I don’t want to get the diploma?
A. Yes, but you MUST fill out an application!

Q. Can I take some AICE classes and some AP classes?
A. Yes, most Advanced Studies students take a combination of AICE and AP courses.

Q. Are AICE and AP classes weighted the same?
A. Yes - AICE = AP
   - Equivalent to university freshman courses
   - Weight (+ 0.08) for grade of C or better

Q. How are the AP and AICE classes different?
Q. Are the Cambridge AICE courses recognized outside of Florida?

A. Yes, they are recognized by top colleges and universities in the US and throughout the world.

Additional information at: http://recognition.cie.org.uk
Advanced Studies Agreement

I understand that student performance for a semester course for Advanced Placement will be evaluated at 9 weeks. For a Cambridge AICE or Advanced Placement full-year course, student performance will be evaluated at semester. If my performance is “D” or below, the school reserves the right to reschedule the student to an honors or regular course.
I understand that I am required to complete an exam for each Advanced Placement course(s) and/or each Cambridge AICE (AS or A) course(s) in my schedule. Both the Advanced Placement exam and the Cambridge AICE exam fees are paid for by the Collier County School District as long as I have not previously taken the same exam.
Advanced Studies Agreement

- I understand that the Advanced Placement exams are given in May of each year and that the Cambridge AICE exams are scheduled using an international calendar. I understand that Cambridge AICE exams for Pre-AICE, AS, or A level courses can occur outside of the 180 school day year calendar.
Dual Enrollment Options
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(grades 11 & 12)

College Application must be completed

GPA Requirements
- Minimum 3.0 Un-weighted GPA (FSW)
- Minimum 3.7 Weighted GPA (FGCU)

College Ready test scores must be obtained
- Reading: 106 PERT, 19 ACT Reading, 440 SAT Reading
- Writing: 103 PERT, 17 ACT English
- Math: 114 PERT, 19 ACT Math, 440 SAT Math

- FGCU has additional scoring requirements
  Minimum scores of 500 Math, 500 Writing and 500 Reading on SAT
  plus a total score of 1600.
  ACT 23 composite minimum scores of 20 on each section.
On Campus Options

- Comp 1 & Comp 2
- Diversity for Education & Intro to Teaching
- College Success Skills

Off Campus Option

- Grade 11 – part time on FSW campus
- Grade 12 – part or full time on FSW Campus
- Courses and schedules selected with HS Counselor

[www.fsw.edu](http://www.fsw.edu)
Full- and Part-time opportunities available to Juniors and Seniors.

All courses taken on FGCU campus

Limited spaces available (75 full time, 25 part time for all Counties combined)

Higher testing criteria (ACT 23 composite or SAT 1600 combined)

http://www.fgcu.edu/ACE/
Total Advanced Studies Courses offered in 2015 - 2016

30

Lots of choices!
Lots to think about!
Four Years to Prepare
Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

**Florida Academic Scholars**
- 3.5 weighted GPA in 16 college prep classes
- 1290 SAT or 29 ACT
- 100 hours of community service

**Florida Medallion Scholars**
- 3.0 weighted GPA in 16 college prep classes
- 1170 SAT or 26 ACT
- 75 hours of community service

**Gold Seal Vocational Scholars**
- 3.0 GPA in 16 core credits
- 3.5 un-weighted GPA in vocational program
- 3 or more Career and Technical Education credits in one vocational program
- 30 hours community service
- SAT/ACT/PERT requirements
The Goal of PRHS Advanced Studies Program

Students’ preparation for success in college and in the world beyond