



# iAccelerate Academy at Ashbrook High Frequently Asked Questions

**1. What is the purpose of the *iAccelerate Academy*?**

The *iAccelerate Academy* affords students a rigorous academic framework which culminates in a high school diploma and an Associate Degree in four years while having a full high school experience.

**2. Will my child have to attend Ashbrook High School for longer than four years?**

Students in the *iAccelerate Academy* will meet the NC High School Graduation requirements as well as the requirements for an Associate Degree in four years.

**3. What are the requirements for admission to the *iAccelerate Academy*?**

The student must be an incoming 9th or 10th grader, is determined to be academically gifted, have a demonstrated readiness for the course material, and have the maturity to justify admission to the community college. The student must have a Level III or higher on 7th grade Reading and Math EOG and an overall “C” average in 8th Grade. *Successful completion of at least two high school courses in middle school is preferred.* The student must also be in good standing, including attendance, behavior, and academics. Parent/Legal Guardian must be a resident of Gaston County.

**4. Who can apply to the *iAccelerate Academy* and how are students selected?**

Incoming ninth and tenth grade students that meet entrance requirements may apply.

**5. What are the requirements for continued enrollment in the *iAccelerate Academy* ?**

Parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in Gaston County. Must be in good standing including appropriate attendance, behavior, and academics. Must remain in good standing with Gaston College.

**6. Why can high school students take college classes?**

The state of North Carolina has a dual enrollment program for high school students to take college classes through the local community college tuition free. This program is called Career and College Promise, otherwise known as CCP.



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**7. Why is it important for a student to complete an Associate Degree rather than just complete a college pathway?**

Students who complete an Associate Degree will satisfy all of the general education requirements for all sixteen of the North Carolina Public Universities, over thirty North Carolina Independent Institutions, and many out-of-state colleges or universities. This means all of the credits will transfer and a student will typically only have to complete two more years to earn a Bachelor Degree. Students who only complete a college pathway will not ensure all general education requirements are met and will potentially have to spend more than two years to earn a Bachelor Degree.

**8. Will my student be allowed to participate in school activities such as sports, etc.?**

Students will be exposed to a full high school experience.

**9. How will my child benefit from this program?**

Students who attend the *iAccelerate Academy* will earn a high school diploma and an Associate Degree without any cost.

**10. Will students in the *Academy* be in classes with students outside of the *Academy*?** Ashbrook is a comprehensive high school, so courses are scheduled based on students' individual needs. All students will have access to a variety of courses including AP, Honors, Fine Arts, and many other courses.

**11. If my student is accepted and begins the program, can they choose to not take the College classes, but remain in the *iAccelerate Academy*?**

No, the college courses are required in the *iAccelerate Academy*.

**12. What are the start and stop times of the school day?**

The start and stop times of the traditional school day are: 8:00am and 3:00pm. Students in the *Academy* may have a different calendar and/or start and stop time depending on their college classes.

**13. What is the earliest I can drop my child off and the latest I can pick up my child?**

You can drop off your child as early as 7:00am. Students need to be picked up by 3:30pm.