WHAT is High School 2022?
High School 2022 is a focused, four-year effort to guarantee meaningful and relevant high school experiences that best serve the needs and engage the interests of every student. An extension of innovative programs developed by our teachers and embraced by our students, High School 2022 empowers students to identify, develop and pursue their interests.

WHY change?
Across the nation, high schools still operate in many of the same ways they did nearly a century ago. A national conversation has emerged about whether the current high school model truly prepares students for the demands of the future that awaits them.

In 2016, the Virginia General Assembly passed a bill called “Profile of a Virginia Graduate” that directs high schools to emphasize the overlap of academic content knowledge with workplace skills, career exploration, and community engagement. Albemarle County Public Schools has been working toward this goal since 2003.

Through High School 2022, we aim to expand and ensure access to opportunities that will enrich not only our students’ education, but their lives. Rather than causing our students to adapt to existing high school structures, we aspire for our programming to respond to the unique needs of each individual student. Our goal is to optimize choice for all students, and ultimately, to afford them the highest potential for success after high school.

HOW will high school be different?

BEGINNING IN THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR, INCOMING 9TH GRADERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN:

FRESHMAN SEMINAR: an advisory period focused on meeting the social-emotional and career development needs of students

IN AND BEYOND THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR, STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN:

INTERDISCIPLINARY CLASSES: co-taught courses combining multiple subject areas

DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS: an archive of student work that showcases growth and achievement

COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE READINESS ASSESSMENT (CWRA+): a highly valuable test to assess critical thinking skills

COURSEWORK DESIGN: similar to an independent study wherein students, with guidance from advisors, customize a learning experience for credit

COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING: internship, mentorship, job shadowing, or other experience related to a student’s career goals or interests and facilitated by partnerships with local businesses and organizations

CULMINATING EXPERIENCE: capstone project or other academic, intellectual, investigative, and interdisciplinary experience that encourages critical thinking, problem solving, skills development, and goal setting

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An Albemarle County Public Schools initiative to rethink high school
Albemarle County graduates will be:

RESPONSIBLE SELF-ADVOCATES who demonstrate ownership and engagement of their future.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS AND COLLABORATORS who can work well with a diverse community.

ACADEMICALLY ACCOMPLISHED as demonstrated through a well-rounded instructional program inside and outside of "core" academics.

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS who value and build connections with diverse communities.

CRITICAL THINKERS who demonstrate an ability to analyze, assess and reconstruct issues related to any subject, content or problem.

CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVERS who have experience solving authentic, community-based problems.