An Albemarle County Public Schools initiative to rethink high school

HIGH SCHOOL 2022

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.

AN INTRODUCTION
What, Why & How
A Brief Intro to High School 2022

You’re Invited!
This October, Albemarle County Public Schools will host multiple opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn more about High School 2022.

Please join us!
Details inside.

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### Sample 9th Grade Schedule

Introducing the Freshman Seminar

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### Albemarle County Profile of a Graduate

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.

### High School 2022 Operating Principles

Ensure equitable access and opportunity for all students.

Use fair and meaningful assessments.

Implement flexible scheduling to support student-centered learning.

Encourage students to explore their interests and passions for course credit.

### High School 2022 Metrics

- Qualitative student voice surveys
- School climate surveys
- Portfolio-based assessment
- CWRA+ to evaluate critical thinking skills
- Number of student-designed courses
- Culminating senior experiences

### Albemarle County Public Schools

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### LEARN MORE

**Community Meeting Schedule**

Five Learning Opportunities

Please join us this October for one or more of the following learning opportunities:

- **Oct 11** | Burley Middle School | 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 18** | Henley Middle School | 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 19** | Jouett Middle School | 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 24** | Sutherland Middle School | 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 25** | Walton Middle School | 6:30 p.m.

Explore the High School 2022 website at: [www.k12albemarle.org/hs2022](http://www.k12albemarle.org/hs2022)