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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**CTAE Pathways and Dual Enrollment/Accelerated Career Diploma**

**What is the Atlanta College and Career Academy (ACCA)?**

ACCA is an Atlanta Public Schools program that will help students graduate with credentials aligned to high-demand technical careers in Atlanta. ACCA offers four opportunities:

1. Nine Career Technical Agricultural Education (CTAE) pathways
2. Six Dual Enrollment to include four Accelerated Career Diploma pathways
3. Two Advanced Placement (AP) courses: Computer Science Principals and AP Computer Science A
4. Dual Enrollment (DE) courses on the campus of Atlanta Technical College

*This FAQ addresses questions regarding AP, CTAE, and Dual Enrollment/Accelerated Career Diploma*

*pathways offered on the Atlanta College and Career Academy campus at 1090 Windsor Street*

**What career technology pathways does ACCA offer at 1090 Windsor Street?**

ACCA will offer nine career technology programs: HVAC and Refrigeration; Culinary Arts; Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism; Dental Science; Patient Care; Graphic Design; Criminal Investigation; Teaching As A Profession; Programming. Employability curriculum and training will also play a major role in daily academic programming and grading. Students must commit to following all expectations as outlined by ACCA Leadership.

**What Dual Enrollment courses via Atlanta Technical College (ATC) does ACCA offer at 1090 Windsor Street?**

ACCA will offer six Dual Enrollment Pathways to include four Accelerated Career Diploma (ACD) pathways on the Windsor Street campus:

Automotive Technology (ACD) – 1 year

Aviation Maintenance (1 year) – 1 year + post high attendance with ATC for completion

Carpentry (ACD) – 1 year

Cybersecurity (ACD) - 1 year + 2nd year attendance on ATC campus for completion

Infant Toddler Childcare Specialist (ACD) – 1 year

Early College Essentials – 2 years - core academic classes with ATC instructor

**What Advanced Placement courses does ACCA offer at 1090 Windsor Street?**

ACCA will offer two Advanced Placement (AP) courses: Computer Science Principals and AP Computer Science A. AP scholars will earn two units of credit by the end of the school year; and have an opportunity to sit for the AP exam in May 2025.

**Will I still be a student at my current school if I participate?**

Yes, students will take classes at their home school for half the day and classes at ACCA for the other half.

**Is transportation provided?**

Yes, Atlanta Public Schools will provide round trip bus transportation from the home school to ACCA.

**Which program should I apply for?**

All students should make an informed decision. We highly recommend all applicants take the YouScience career assessment (located in Infinite Campus SLDS – My Career Plan) before completing an online ACCA application. See your school counselor for additional information.

**Can I participate in home school activities, i.e. sports, band, cheerleading, if accepted to participate in ACCA?**

Yes, you can participate in all home school activities.

**How long will I participate in ACCA programming**?

Students will complete career technology pathway in one academic year and Dual Enrollment pathways in 1 or 2 year pending the program requirements. Students must commit to remaining in the program from August 2024-May 2025. Due to accelerated curriculum pacing, daily attendance is critical. Students must commit to attending both their home school and ACCA on a daily basis. Students must commit to remaining in good academic standing at their home school and ACCA August 2024 - May 2025.

**Does ACCA require uniforms?**

Some ACCA programs will require a daily uniform. In addition, students will be required to wear an official ACCA school uniform during special events, dress for success days and when participating in off-site school events (field trips, job shadowing activities, etc).

**When can I apply?**

Students can apply online from November 2023 to March 2024.

**What are the admission requirements for CTAE and Dual Enrollment/ Accelerated Career Pathways?**

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| **Admission Requirements for all CTAE Pathways**  ***Excludes Dual Enrollment/Accelerated Career*** | **Admission to Dual Enrollment/Accelerated Career Diploma Pathway Courses** |
| Students must be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade during 2024-2025 school year and on track to graduate:  ***Grade 10 (Cohort 2027) 6+ credits***  ***Grade 11 (Cohort 2026) 12+ credit***  ***Grade 12 (Cohort 2025) 18+ credits***  *\*\*preference given to graduating seniors\*\**  GPA of 2.0 or higher  ***SST/504/Special Education – If yes, team must meet to confirm eligibility to participate.***  ***Home school does not offer pathway requested.*** | Students must be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during 2024-2025 school year and on track to graduate:  **Automotive, Carpentry, Infant Toddler**  Grade 10th – 12th  APS GPA of 2.0 or higher -  **Aviation (12th Only), Early College Essentials, and Cybersecurity**  Grade 11th – 12th  HOPE GPA 2.6 or higher    ***SST/504/Special Education – If yes, team must meet to confirm eligibility to participate, and the student must contact ATC’s Disability Office for support.*** |

**What are the admission criteria for Advanced Placement Courses?**

Students should be enrolled in Algebra II or higher for mathematics; and havefamiliarity with functions and the concepts found in the uses of function notation. Students should consider taking [AP Computer Science Principles](https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-computer-science-principles/about) (AP CSP) whether you dream of a career in technology or simply want to learn how computing and technology shape the world around you. In [AP Computer Science A](https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-computer-science-a), you’ll learn how to use Java to build games or creatively address real-world issues. Through hands-on experiences in analyzing, writing, and testing code, you'll learn how to transform an idea into a functioning program. ***The school counselor and AP Coordinator must meet to confirm each students’ eligibility to participate based on their academic standing, attendance, and AP Potential.***

**Can my application be denied?**

Yes, your application can be denied for one of the following reasons:

· Lack of capacity at ACCA (e.g. class at maximum enrollment)

· Minimum admission requirements are not met

· The IEP team or 504 team does not recommend enrollment

· The IEP team or 504 team did not meet prior to the submission of an application

**Who can I contact for questions about the admissions process?**

Please contact your school counselor regarding questions about completing the online application or YouScience.

**Will ACCA continue to offer Dual Enrollment courses at Atlanta Technical College next year?**

Yes. ACCA will continue to offer Dual Enrollment course at Atlanta Technical College next year.

**Is there a difference in admission requirements for the pathways offered at 1090 Windsor Street and Dual Enrollment/Accelerated Career Diploma classes offered at Atlanta Technical College?**

Yes, admission requirements for the programs are listed above. Students participating in Dual Enrollment/Accelerated Career Diploma classes at Atlanta Technical College must meet additional criteria for ATC.

**What if my child is a student with a disability?**

Students with Disabilities are encouraged to apply. If the student is served under IDEA (has an Individualized Education Program), the IEP team must convene to review and discuss the student’s IEP, transcript, and specific needs to determine if ACCA is appropriate.

If the student is protected under 504 or protected and has an accommodation plan, the 504 team should convene to determine if ACCA is appropriate.

**Is there an appeals process?**

Yes. If your home school declines your application, you can file an appeal at your home school. Please speak with your school counselor to receive specific details about the appeals process.