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 two opportunities: (1) 14 career pathways at 1090 Windsor Street and (2) Dual Enrollment classes at Atlanta Technical College. **NOTE:** This FAQ addresses questions regarding the 14 pathways offered at the ACCA campus (opening August 2020 at 1090 Windsor Street SW Atlanta, GA 30310.

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

ACCA will offer 14 career technology programs:

1. Aviation Maintenance
2. Carpentry
3. Criminal Investigation
4. Culinary Arts
5. Cybersecurity
6. Dental Science
7. Early Childhood Care and Education
8. Emergency Medical Responder
9. General Automotive Technology
10. Graphic Design
11. Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism
12. HVAC and Refrigeration
13. Patient Care
14. 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.

Which program should I apply for?

All students should make an informed decision. We highly recommend all applicants to take the YouScience career assessment (located in myBackpack) before completing an online ACCA application.

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 bus transportation from the home school to ACCA, and from ACCA to the home school.
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 a pathway in one academic year. Students must commit to remaining in the program from August 2020 to May 2021. 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 2020 - May 2021.

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 Dec. 9, 2019 to Jan. 2, 2020.

What are the admission requirements?

- Students must be in the 11th or 12th grade during 2020-2021 school year and on track to graduate
- Grade 11 (Cohort 2022) 12+ credit
- Grade 12 (Cohort 2021) 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
- Student has completed primary pathway at home school

Can my application be denied?

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

- Lack of capacity at ACCA
- 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 classes at Atlanta Technical College next year?

Yes. ACCA will continue to offer dual enrollment classes at Atlanta Technical College.

Is there a difference in admission requirements for the 14 pathways offered at 1090 Windsor Street and dual enrollment classes offered at Atlanta Technical College?

Yes, admission requirements for the 14 pathways are listed above. Students participating in dual enrollment classes at Atlanta Technical College must meet additional criteria.

What if my child is in special education?

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.