

Virtual 8th Grade Dual Enrollment Presentation for Families

March 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Join us virtually on Zoom at 7:00 PM

Zoom link provided below

Learn about this exciting option for 8th graders at Wareham High School next year!

Dual Enrollment Course of Study

If your child is advanced and is up for a challenge, this is a great program to consider!

Students that are interested in an accelerated program will be able to take high school-level classes with 9th grade students who are motivated and taking Honors level courses.

Option 1 – Traditional AAA program

- English 9 Honors
- Algebra 1 Honors
- Intro to the Physical World Honors
- World History

Option 2 – Humanities- Focused AAA program

- English 9 Honors
- World History

Option 3 – STEM-Focused AAA Program

- Algebra 1 Honors
- Intro to the Physical World Honors

What type of student should consider this program?

There is no one answer, but the following traits or preferences should correlate with success:

- Curiosity
- Commitment
- Creativity
- Academic Preparedness
- Motivation



Dual Enrollment: Accelerated Academic Academy

Dual enrollment provides the opportunity for 8th grade students who qualify to enroll in both high school and 8th grade courses. Participating students earn up to 20 high school credits, accelerating their learning and opening doors to many academic opportunities.

Why consider dual enrollment? The benefits are many, but some things to consider are that dual enrollment allows students to

- Earn high school credits while still fulfilling their 8th grade requirements
- Experience early exposure to the challenges of high school Honors level courses and get a head start on the transition from 8th grade to high school
- Open more opportunities for earlier participation in AP or IB courses or higher-level math and science courses
- Potentially save \$\$\$\$ and accelerate earning a college degree
- Experience new, meaningful and challenging academic experiences

Zoom Meeting Details

Topic: 8th Grade Dual Enrollment Parent Presentation
Time: Mar 4, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86833550787?pwd=dG04bWlkU1TS2dYeFI3VWZVUW5BQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3355 0787
Passcode: 041021





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2021 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Academic Accelerated Academy
WHS 8th Grade Dual Enrollment Program
Due Date: Monday, March 22, 2021

Wareham High School admits students and makes available to them high school advantages, privileges and courses of study without regard to race, color, gender, gender identity, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

STUDENT APPLICANT SECTION

Applicant Name:

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Initial _____

Home Address:

Street & Number _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Current School: _____



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PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

Parents/Guardians that student currently resides with:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

Mailing Address

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES OF STUDY

Grade 8 students accepted into this program can select from three options described below.

Please circle the option in which you wish to be enrolled.

Option Number	Description	Course List
Option 1	Full dual enrollment, taking 4 high school courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Algebra I Honors ● English 9 Honors ● Intro to the Physical World Honors ● World History CP
Option 2	Humanities-focused dual enrollment, taking 2 high school courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English 9 Honors ● World History CP
Option 3	STEM-focused dual enrollment, taking 2 high school courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Algebra I Honors ● Intro to the Physical World Honors



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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RECORDS:

I approve this application and hereby give permission for the release of grades, conduct/discipline and attendance records to Wareham High School. I certify the above information to be complete and accurate.

Signature of Student	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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SENDING SCHOOL INFORMATION (to be completed by sending school official)
Grades, Attendance, Essay Response, Letter of Recommendation*, and Discipline Records
MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION on or before the deadline of March 22, 2021.

*Student's teacher or guidance counselor: please comment on student's achievements related to ability, motivation, attitude and conduct/citizenship – to be submitted with/attached to this application.

Date _____ Signature _____ Title _____

APPLICATION ESSAY SECTION

Writing Prompt: *Wareham High School's Accelerated Academic Academy presents a unique but challenging opportunity for select, motivated Wareham High School 8th graders. Since this application process is competitive and the dual enrollment experience will require students to balance high school level courses while still in the eighth grade, we hope to select those students that will be most successful.*

In a well-developed essay (5 paragraphs), convince the selection committee that you are ready for this challenge. Consider your achievements (both academic and personal), your ability to balance a challenging schedule, your organizational skills, your motivation, and your future goals. Explain why you are a strong candidate for this opportunity and how it will benefit you in your future endeavors!

(Please attach a word-processed document to this form.)

Please sign below, indicating that the submitted word-processed essay is your own work.

Date _____ Signature _____

"HOME OF THE VIKING SHIPS": Scholarship, Citizenship, Craftsmanship, Leadership and Sportsmanship

Wareham High School
Accelerated Academic Academy (AAA)– an 8th Grade Dual Enrollment Program
ADMISSIONS POLICY

I. INTRODUCTION

An admissions process is necessary for this enrollment process and to ensure, as well as is possible, student success in this academically challenging accelerated program of study. Enrollment will be limited to the best qualifying 40 students for the 2021-2022 school year.

II. EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Wareham High School admits students and makes available to them its advantages, privileges and courses of study without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

III. ELIGIBILITY

Priority for admission is given to students who are residents of the Wareham School District, but students from area schools who wish to apply for school choice may also be considered for enrollment.

All applications and required supporting documents (see admissions application form) must be submitted by the **due date, March 22, 2021.**

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Wareham School is a public high school located on a scenic campus overlooking the Weweantic River in Wareham, Massachusetts. Wareham High School is a fully accredited school as determined in the rigorous process governed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

It is the responsibility of Wareham High School's Principal to supervise the administration of the policies and procedures required to admit and enroll applicants in conformity with this Admission Policy. Wareham High School has an Admission Committee to assist in this process. The committee consists of the Principal, Assistant Principals, Guidance, and Department Chairs. Responsibilities of the Admission Committee include:

- A. determination of standards for admission
- B. development and implementation of admission procedures
- C. processing of applications
- D. ranking of students
- E. acceptance of students according to the procedure and criteria in the admission policy
- F. establishment and maintenance of a waiting list of acceptable candidates

Wareham High School Administration is responsible for disseminating information about Wareham through local school assemblies and press releases, and for collecting student applications.

Admissions procedure is as follows:

After a point total for each student's application has been determined, the applications are placed in the order of their "point total". Applications are then accepted in order of the point total they have achieved. The applicant with the highest point value is accepted first; the applicant with the second highest point value is accepted second, and so on until all seats are filled. All applicants are accepted, declined or placed on a waiting list. These applicants, like those accepted earlier, are accepted in order of their place on the waiting list determined by the total points given according to the selection criteria.

V. RECRUITMENT PROCESS

1. Wareham High School disseminates information about the school through a variety of methods.
 - a. Visitation with an informational slide presentation to 8th grade classes at Wareham Middle School by Wareham High School Staff and students in January was scheduled.
 - b. An Open House/Parent Orientation on March 4 @ 7pm (via Zoom) is scheduled. Prospective students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) have an opportunity to visit Wareham High School and speak with both WHS staff and students, participate in a tour of the school as well as view a presentation about all WHS offerings and highlights.
 - c. Wareham High School's website <https://www.warehamps.org/domain/34> features academic courses (Program of Studies), sports, community service, happenings, and special education resources.

VI. AAA – DUAL ENROLLMENT APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATIONS DUE TO Wareham High School on or before March 22, 2021.

1. All students interested in applying to the WHS Accelerated Academic Academy must:
 - a. Obtain an application from their WMS school Guidance Counselor or Assistant Principal (available on March 1, 2021).
 - b. Return the completed application to their local school Guidance Counselor by the deadline set by the Guidance Counselor.
 - c. Attend a scheduled interview with a WHS administrator to take place at WHS.

2. It is the responsibility of the Wareham Middle School Administration to:

- a. Complete their portion of the application form.
- b. Prepare a complete admissions packet (student's completed application, student's application essay, and letter of recommendation from a WMS teacher, counselor, or administrator) to WHS Administration on or before deadline of March 22, 2021.

3. If incomplete applications are received, they will not be scored.

LATE APPLICATIONS

No late applications will be accepted. All completed admissions packets are due on ***March 22, 2021.***

VII. SELECTION CRITERIA

Completed applications are processed by the Admission Committee using weighted admissions criteria. Each applicant will be assigned a score derived from the sum of the sub scores of the following criteria:

A. Scholastic Achievement: Maximum 20 points

Grade/Averages Points

90 – 100 = 20
80 – 89 = 15
70 – 79 = 10
60 – 69 = 5
0 – 59 = 0

For applications to the WHS AAA program (fall admission), terms 1 & 2 grade 7 marks in English, social studies, mathematics and science from the local school report card/transcript are used.

B. Attendance: Maximum 20 points

Number of Unexcused Absences Points

0 – 3 = 20
4 – 8 = 15
9 – 14 = 10
15 and over = 0

For applications to the WHS AAA program (fall admission) terms 1 & 2 of grade 7 unexcused absences from the local school report card/transcript are used.

C. School Discipline/Conduct: Maximum 20 points

Discipline/Conduct Rating Points

Excellent/0 references to discipline 20
Above Average/1-3 detentions/1 day in school suspension 15
Average/3-6 detentions/2 day in school suspension/ 10
1 day out of school suspension
Below Average/2 – 3 days out of school suspension 5
Poor/7+ detentions/3 day in school suspension/ 0
4+ days out of school suspension

For applications to the WHS AAA program (fall admission), the conduct report from Terms 1 & 2 Grade 7 from the local school report card/transcript or the discipline report are used.

D. Guidance Counselor/Teacher's Recommendation: Maximum 10 points

Rating Points

Excellent 10
Above Average 8
Average 6
Below Average 2
Poor 0

E. Interview: Maximum 10 points

Rating Points

Excellent 10
Above Average 8
Average 6
Below Average 2
Poor 0

F. Applicant's Essay: Maximum of 20 points

Rating Points

Excellent 20
Above Average 15
Average 10
Below Average 5
Poor 0

After points are given in each area, the points are totaled for each applicant. A maximum total of one hundred (100) points can be earned.

VIII. SELECTION PROCESS

The Admissions Committee at Wareham High School will examine, discuss and make recommendations for action on the applicants.

The Admissions Committee considers scholastic achievement, attendance, school behavior, a Middle School Teacher/Guidance Counselor's recommendation, and applicant essay and interview results. Applications are reviewed, processed and assigned points.

After a point total for each applicant has been determined, all applicants are placed in order of their "point total" and town of residence. Resident applicants are then accepted in order of the point total they have achieved. The resident applicant with the highest point total is accepted first, the resident applicant with the second highest point total is accepted second, and so on until all seats are filled. All resident applicants are accepted, declined, or placed on a waiting list. If openings occur, the seats are filled by accepting resident

applicants from the waiting list. These resident applicants, like those accepted earlier, are accepted in order of their place on the waiting list determined by the total points given according to the selection criteria.

Non-resident applicants are evaluated using the criteria in this Admission Policy and will be placed on the waiting list after the resident applicants. Non-resident applicants on the waiting list will only be accepted if all resident applicants on the waiting list have been accepted.

All applicants whose applications are received by Wareham High School by **March 22, 2021** are notified of their status by a letter to their parents/guardians and their local school Guidance Counselor by late April.

IX. ENROLLMENT

In order to enroll in Wareham High School's Accelerated Academic Academy (AAA) for the fall, applicants must have been promoted to the 8th grade by their local school district. In addition, they must have passed courses in English Language Arts or its equivalent, mathematics, science and social studies for the school year immediately preceding their enrollment at Wareham High School's AAA program.

X. REVIEW AND APPEALS

The applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s), upon receipt of a letter from Wareham High School indicating that the applicant was not accepted or placed on a waiting list to the WHS AAA program, may request a review of the decision by sending a letter requesting a review to the Wareham High School Principal within thirty days of the receipt of the letter. The Wareham High School Principal will respond in writing to the letter with the

findings of the review within thirty days.