



College & Career Academies

AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

College Access Resource Guide Academic Year 2020-2021



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All about Akron Public Schools

Akron Public Schools (APS) enrolls more than 21,000 students and employs 3,000 teaching and non-teaching professionals in Northeastern Ohio. The district, one of the state's largest and most diverse, covers 62 square miles in a city of 195,000. APS educators are committed to rigorous teaching and learning, safe learning centers, and community engagement to prepare young people to be well rounded and ready for the challenges of learning that follow in life. The goal of APS is to be the #1 urban school system in the United States

District Features

- Eight high schools (including three high school CLCs)
- Nine middle schools (including seven middle school CLCs)
- Twenty-seven elementary schools (including 24 elementary school CLCs)
- Two dedicated preschool buildings and nine preschool programs at various elementary schools
- Specialty schools

Unique Programs for every student

- Preschools in several elementary schools
- Free all-day kindergarten
- Free breakfast and lunch for all students
- Customized educational opportunities designed to fit each student's needs
- Special education
- Gifted programs
- Specialized programs in visual and performing arts
- Two dedicated STEM schools (high school and middle school)
- AkronReads tutoring program
- International Baccalaureate
- Pre-engineering
- 30+ College and Career programs
- College & Career Academies of Akron
- Dual degree programs - earn a high school diploma and college credit at the same time; for example, Akron Early College, nationally recognized and ranked, allows for dual degrees from APS and The University of Akron (associates degree) upon high school graduation

Akron Public Schools District Focus

Akron Public Schools has created a District Focus for its families to use as a resource. The District Focus is a valuable set of guideposts marking the progress and mission for becoming the number one urban school system in the United States.



College & Career Academies of Akron (CCAA)

As a Ford Next Generation Learning (FNGL) designated community, APS transformed many high schools to College & Career Academies infused with the high expectations and academic rigor of college preparatory academic programs with the real-world relevance and rigor of career technical education.

The academy and pathway selected by each student leverages an area of personal interest and integrates it with core academic knowledge in a small learning community infused with community and business involvement.

Akron Public Schools, ConxusNEO and FNGL partnered and developed strong College & Career Academies that provide all students with opportunities to pursue their interests and passions related to high demand careers in Northeast Ohio. Business and community partners, teachers, students, parents and friends worked collaboratively to design academies with a comprehensive plan that serves every student by enriching their talents and interests.

Academies and Pathways



2020-2021 School Year

ACADEMIES AND PATHWAYS

BUCHTEL	EAST	ELLET	FIRESTONE	KENMORE GARFIELD	NORTH	NIHF STEM
Freshman Academy	Freshman Academy	Freshman Academy	Freshman Academy	Freshman Academy	Freshman Academy	Freshman Academy
Huntington Academy of Global Industry and Design Aesthetics & Cosmetology Commercial & Residential Construction & Masonry Entrepreneurship, Business & Marketing	Bridgestone Academy of Applied Engineering and Technology Automotive Technology Electrical Engineering IT Interactive Media Welding Technology	Academy of Applied Engineering Automotive Technology Construction PLTW Engineering	Kent State University Academy of Advanced Technology and Engineering Digital Science Mechatronics PLTW Aerospace	FirstEnergy Academy of Emerging Technology and Design Advanced Manufacturing Business Management Energy & Environmental Protection Engineering Technology Information Technology	Akron Children's Hospital Academy of Health and Human Services Allied Health Early Childhood Education Healthcare Operations PLTW Biomedical Science	Academy of Advanced Technology and Design Biotechnology PLTW Environmental Engineering PLTW Software Engineering & Robotics
Summa Health Academy of Leadership and Innovation Computer Programming & Software Development Culinary Careers Education Professions & Leadership Sports Medicine & Health Care Professions	KeyBank Academy of Business and Health Services Business & Entrepreneurship Business Hospitality Management Finance Healthcare	Academy of Community Health and Safety Animal Studies Criminal Justice Fire Safety	Kent State University Academy of Design Entrepreneurship PLTW Architecture Product & Fashion Design Visual Art & Design	Academy of Innovation and Industry Construction & Building Technology Culinary Arts Nursing & Patient Care	Academy of Global Technology and Business Entrepreneurship & Marketing Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Technology (HVAC/R) IT Support & Services Programming & Software Development	Sister University The University of Akron
		Cuyahoga Valley National Park Academy of Global Marketing and Media Hospitality & Tourism IT Interactive Media Marketing	Kent State University Academy of Performing Arts Dance Instrumental Music Theatre Vocal Music	Sister College Stark State College	Sister University University of Mount Union	AKRON EARLY COLLEGE Freshman Academy Associate Degree in Arts Associate Degree in Science
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College Access

The Purpose of the College Access Resource Guide

The mission of APS is to prepare each child for success. This includes improving college access opportunities for all students. College & Career Academies of Akron has contributed to the transformation of career technical education, rigorous programs and services being offered in APS with an effort to enhance a college-going culture.

Defining College Access in Akron Public Schools

It is important to have a common definition of college access. For the purpose of this guide, college access is defined as:

Providing students with a variety of equitable opportunities, resources, and services which position them to make informed/critical decisions about college attainment.

College Access Programs in APS

Advanced Placement (AP)

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

Akron Early College High School (AECHS)

Akron Promise

Career-Tech Education (CTE)

College Credit Plus (CCP)

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Kent State University Upward Bound Programs

Project GRAD Akron (PGA)

The University of Akron Academic Achievement Programs

- **Educational Talent Search (ETS)**
- **Striving Toward Excellence Program (STEP)**
- **Upward Bound Classic (UB)**
- **Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS)**

Young Scholars (YS)



What is Advanced Placement (AP)

- AP courses are nationally recognized *college-level* courses taught at the high school.
- The AP course content is based on a specific curriculum set by the College Board. Akron Public Schools' teachers have received training through the College Board specific to the coursework and testing used in their AP classes.

Why should students take AP Courses and Exam?

- AP courses challenge students to reach their maximum learning potential.
- AP courses aid in the admissions process in college by demonstrating ability to handle rigorous work, especially for selective schools.
- All state colleges and universities in Ohio have committed to guaranteeing credit or placement for students who receive a grade of 3 or higher on an AP Exam
- Taking AP courses can potentially save money on college classes.

How do students sign up for an AP Course?

**Contact the High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information, visit the website:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>



What is AVID?

- AVID is a school wide instructional system for students that teaches students to think critically, collaborate, and set high expectations to confidently conquer educational challenges.
- The AVID College Readiness System is designed to increase the number of students who enroll in colleges and succeed in higher education.

Why should students participate in AVID?

- It improves students critical thinking, reading, and writing abilities.
- Students will participate and succeed in courses of high rigor.
- Students are better prepared for postsecondary access and success.
- AVID graduates enroll in college at a higher rate.

How can students sign up for AVID?

**Contact the High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information, visit the website:

<https://www.avid.org/>



College & Career Academies

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EARLY COLLEGE

What is Akron Early College High School (AECHS)?

- Located on the college campus, Akron Early College High School (AECHS) is a joint venture between Akron Public Schools and The University of Akron. AECHS is designed for first generation college students.
- AECHS utilizes small learning communities, peer mentors and tutors to teach and empower students to learn the skills and confidence to complete challenging coursework.

Why should students participate in AECHS?

- Students can earn an Associate of Arts Degree which cultivates the habit of lifelong learning through a diverse curriculum and teaches students to think critically and creatively about their perceptions of ideas, events and people. This degree is designed to position the student for successful employment, career advancement or more focused study at the baccalaureate level.
- Students can earn an Associate of Science Degree that teaches students to think critically and creatively about their perceptions of ideas, events and people.

How can students sign up for AECHS?

**Contact the High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information, visit the website:

<http://akronearlycollege.akronschools.com/>



What is Akron Promise?

- Akron Promise implements direct college access programs for students at Kenmore-Garfield High School.
- Akron Promise assist with book and tuition scholarships for students who attend Kenmore-Garfield and provide students with coaches on financial literacy.

Why should students participate in Akron Promise?

- Students receive a mentor through iC.A.R.E. Mentoring
- Students participate in ACT Test score improvement initiatives to assist you in achieving a college qualifying ACT Score.
- Students receive access to resources for high school graduation including scholarships.

How can students sign up for Akron Promise?

**Contact the High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information, visit the website:

<http://akronpromise.org/>

(This college access program is only offered at Kenmore-Garfield CLC)

CAREER TECH

What is Career Technical Education (CTE)?

- Career Technical Education (CTE) provides students with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and lifelong learning.
- CTE provides students the opportunity to explore career potential through hands-on training with today's most innovative equipment and technology integrated into paramount/premier academic instruction.

Why should students participate in CTE Classes?

- Students are learning and applying real-world work knowledge and skills, Career-Tech students can get a jump start on college by earning college credit for FREE while in high school.
- Students have access to Career-Tech courses that are offered in 16 different career fields.
- Some career fields allow students to earn an industry-recognized credential.

How can students sign up for Career-Tech Education?

**Contact the High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information visit the website:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech>



What is College Credit Plus (CCP)?

- College Credit Plus (CCP) is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by permitting students to enroll in courses at Ohio colleges or universities.
- CCP enhances student's career readiness and postsecondary success by providing a wide variety of options at no or limited costs to students and families.

Why should students participate in CCP?

- Students are allowed to take classes from a local college or university.
- Students take these classes at the high school, online, or on the college campus. Students must meet admission and enrollment requirements to participate in CCP.
- College Credit Plus credits are on the student's high school transcript. Students are building a high school and college transcript at the same time.
- Students can save money toward college by completing college courses while in high school.

How can a student sign up for College Credit Plus (CCP)?

**Contact your High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information visit the website:

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/collegecreditplus>



What is International Baccalaureate (IB)?

- International Baccalaureate (IB) is a worldwide, educational program founded to give students the opportunity to undertake one of the most challenging educational programs available in a globalized world.
- IB incorporates quality practice from national and international research and the IB community.
- IB aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who are motivated to succeed.

Why should students participate in IB?

- Students are encouraged to think independently and drive your own learning.
- Students take part in programs of education that can lead you to some of the highest ranking universities around the world.
- Students become more culturally aware, through the development of a second language.

How can you sign up for International Baccalaureate (IB)?

**Contact the High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information, visit the website:

<https://www.ibo.org/>

(This college access program is only offered at Firestone CLC)



Upward Bound Programs

What is Kent State University Upward Bound Programs?

- The Kent State University Upward Bound Classic Program has been in existence since 1971 between the Kent State University, Barberton, Warren G. Harding, John R. Buchtel (Akron) High Schools, and those communities to promote college readiness and success.

Why should students participate in Kent State University Upward Bound Programs?

- Exposure to college majors, careers and expectations
- Opportunities to learn about college environments
- Intensive academic support
- Enrichment and skill development
- Field trips, college visits and research experiences
- Participation on the Parent Advisory Council

How can students sign up for Kent State Upward Bound Programs?

**Contact the High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information, visit the website:

<https://www.kent.edu/upwardboundprogram/classic-academy>



What is Project GRAD Akron (PGA)?

- Project GRAD Akron (PGA) is a non-profit educational reform program that believes every student, regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic background should graduate from high school and have access to college.
- Project GRAD Akron is part of a comprehensive national initiative aimed at improving the success of urban school students to academically achieve, graduate from high school, and enter and complete college education.

Why should students participate in Project GRAD Akron?

- Students receive support with ACT Preparation, a host of additional cultural, and social programs and activities, and access to scholarship opportunities.
- Project GRAD students can be awarded a college scholarship of \$4,000.00 to attend college along with access to other scholarships.
- A Project GRAD students entering their first year of college, are supported and prepared by Project GRAD to go back and provide mentoring experiences to other high school students.

How can students sign up for Project GRAD Akron?

**Contact the High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

For more information, visit the website:

<http://www.projectgradakron.org/mission-history>



What are The University of Akron Academic Achievement Programs?

Educational Talent Search (ETS)

- Prepares 6th — 12th Grade students in Akron area schools for a college education.

Strive Toward Excellence Program (STEP)

- A college preparatory program from students in 7th & 8th grade. Students are chosen in the 6th grade.

Upward Bound Classic (UB)

- Prepares 9th – 12th grade students in targeted Akron Public Schools for postsecondary education to enhance their pursuit of a post-secondary education. Students participate in ACT and SAT Fee waivers, Summer Residential Academic Enrichment Program, and much more.

Upward Bound Math/Science (UBMS)

- Prepares 9th – 12th grade students in targeted Akron Public Schools for postsecondary education with a strong interest in math, science, or engineering.

Why should students participate in The University of Akron Academic Achievement Programs?

- The University of Akron Academic Achievement Programs provide college campus visits, financial aid information & workshops, college application waivers, ACT & SAT Prep, and tutoring services.

How can students sign up for The University of Akron Academic Achievement Programs?

Contact the Middle School or High School Counselor to learn how to sign up for this

College Access Program

For more information visit the website:

<https://www.uakron.edu/aap/>

What is the Young Scholars Program?

- This is a comprehensive pre-collegiate and collegiate program designed to enhance academic, personal, and career development of scholars. This program is through The Ohio State Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
- To be eligible to participate in the Young Scholars Program there is an application process and students must be in the 8th grade entering 9th grade in the academic year in which they apply. Students must have a 3.3 GPA (unweighted) or above.
- Young Scholars is a program for students interested in attending The Ohio State University. Students must commit to completing a college prep curriculum in high school.

Why should you participate in the Young Scholars Program?

- You receive one-on-one academic coaching and mentoring
- You have access to college planning tools and resources
- You have an opportunity to attend a world class research university with a generous scholarship.

How can you sign up for Young Scholars?

**Contact the Middle School to learn how to sign up for this
College Access Program**

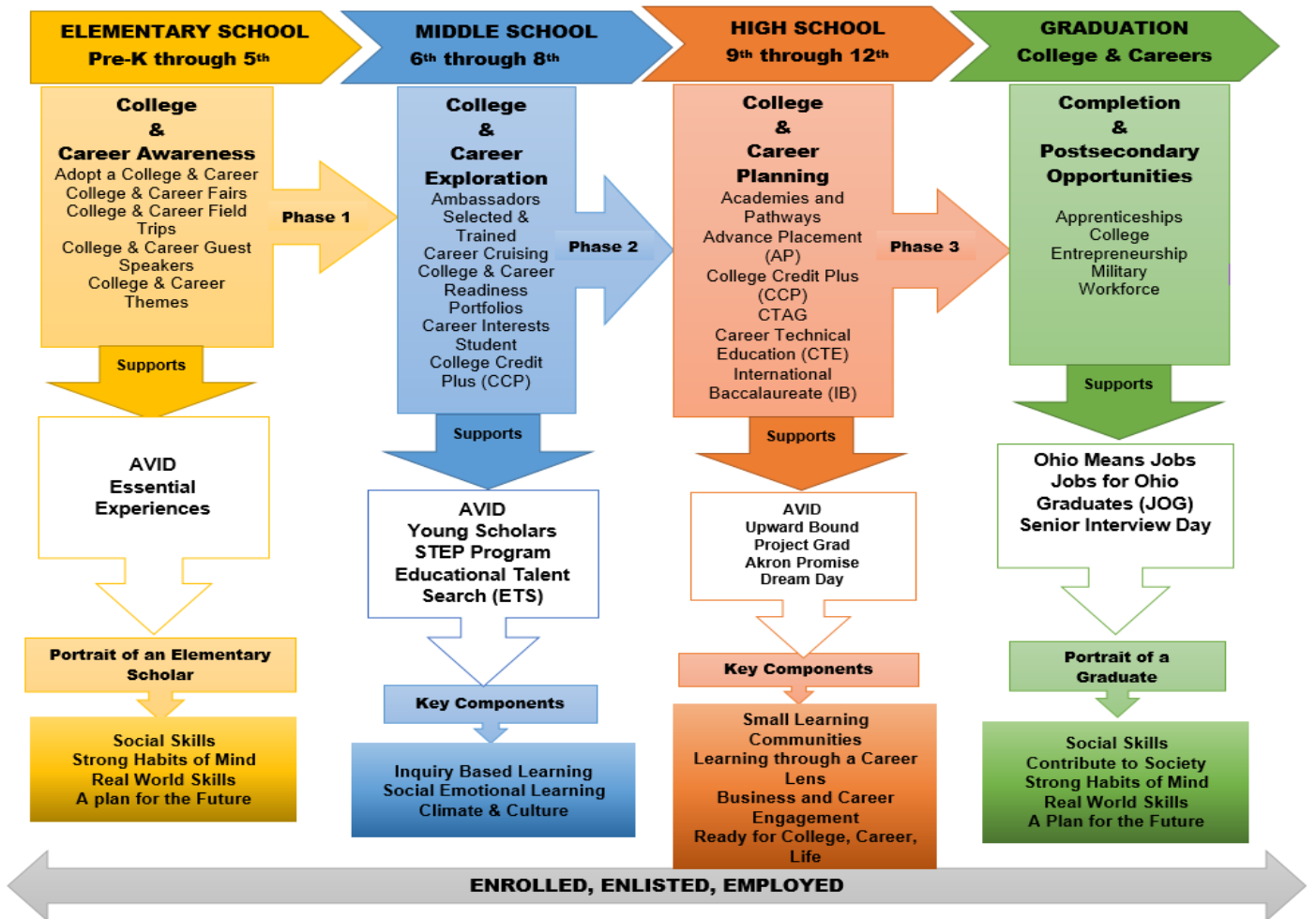
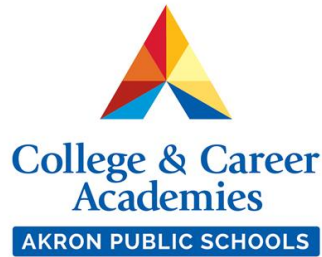
or

**Contact Eric Fletcher, Program Coordinator at (330) 761-7954
or email: fletcher.124@osu.edu**

For more information, visit the website:

<https://odi.osu.edu/ysp-apply>

College & Career Academies Framework



Additional College Resources

[ACT information](#)

[Akron Public Schools' Innovation Generation Scholarship](#)

[Applying for Financial Aid](#)

[CollegeBoard](#)

[Ohio's Graduation Requirements](#)

[Ohio Department of Higher Education Website College Planning Checklist](#)

School Lists by Phone Numbers

High Schools	Phone	Fax
Akron Alternative Academy	(330) 761-1609	(330) 761-1349
Akron Early College	(330) 972-6450	(330) 972-5305
Buchtel CLC 9-12	(330) 761-7945	(330) 761-7947
East CLC 9-12	(330) 761-7920	(330) 784-1859
Ellet CLC	(330) 761-2770	(330) 794-4245
Firestone CLC	(330) 761-3270	(330) 836-2001
Kenmore-Garfield	(330) 848-4141	(330) 848-5270
North	(330) 761-2665	(330) 761-2661
STEM	(330) 761-7965	(330) 761-7966

Middle Schools	Phone	Fax
Bridges	(330) 761-7979	(330) 761-1344
Buchtel CLC	(330) 761-7960	(330) 761-7961
East CLC 7-8	(330) 761-7928	(330) 784-2015
Hyre CLC	(330) 761-7930	(330) 761-7932
Innes CLC	(330) 761-7900	(330) 848-5212
Jennings CLC	(330) 761-2002	(330) 761-2611
Litchfield CLC	(330) 761-2775	(330) 836-2293
Miller South	(330) 761-1765	(330) 761-1764
National Inventors Hall of Fame School Center for STEM Learning	(330) 761-3195	(330) 761-5576

CCAA Mission

The College & Career Academies of Akron give all students confidence in their future by building a sense of belonging, through common interests and shared experiences in a supportive community that offers real-world, hands-on learning, in and out of the classroom.

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