



PROGRAM PROFILE

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COMPETENCY-BASED GRADING

ACE's grading system ensures that students demonstrate achievement by mastering content and skill benchmarks, aligned to the Common Core.

A: High Competency
B: Competent
C: Basic Competency

Community mindedness
Goal Setting
Self-regulation
Collaboration
Self-awareness & Reflection
Perseverance
Curiosity

Asian - 11%
Black/African-American - 42%
Hispanic/Latinx - 9%
Native American - 1%
White - 55%
Free/Reduced Lunch - 56%

OVERVIEW

Launched in 2015, ACE is an award winning and innovative, competency-based program at Brookline High School for students who choose a smaller self-paced educational setting where they can engage in project-based and experiential learning. ACE provides a rigorous college-preparation pathway through multiage, skill-based classes which earn a Brookline High School diploma upon completion of content and proof of competency. Students take two six-week academic classes at a time, averaging three courses in each content area in a given school year. ACE teachers are able to offer students a choice of performance-based assessments that encourage real-world application of the skills. If a student does not meet a minimum level of competency, "basic competency," in a class, they repeat it when it is offered next.

HIGHLIGHTS

- STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING whereby students are placed in classes that best match their content and skill needs.
- DUAL ENROLLMENT (early college) courses are available to students looking to challenge themselves academically.
- INTERNSHIPS for academic credit are available for students interested in real world learning.
- ONLINE COURSES created by ACE teachers are available to students for accelerated pace or for needed credit.
- CAPSTONE PROJECT is a six month in-depth research paper and legacy project based on a political or social justice issue of interest.
- TECH FORWARD Each student in ACE receives a laptop and digital skills through technology-infused classes.

HABITS OF SUCCESS

To prepare students for 21st century careers, ACE holds students accountable for tracking their growth in 7 key Habits of Success (see left). At their exhibitions held 3x a year, ACE students must provide evidence of how they have been developing these skills which they will need in college or beyond. They must also choose what skill they need to work on and furnish a detailed action plan about how they plan to make progress in their chosen skill area.

DIVERSE STUDENT BODY – 2023 ACE Program

ACE is the most diverse program at Brookline High School. Given its small class sizes, students get the chance to get to know one another well, challenging stereotypes and building connections with one another. Student voice is also integral to ACE with interested students serving on a leadership team - facilitating regular community meetings and planning team-building field trips.