

## Benefits of AICE

### Advantages:

The Cambridge advance level courses (AS) are equivalent to those of Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB). Completion of the AS level classes and exams may lead to advanced standing at the college level or college credit. The AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) Diploma is an award for a completion of a specific number and type of classes that is recognized at many universities throughout the US in which college credit may be earned.

### Why Cambridge?

- Colleges look for students who take academically challenging classes
- Colleges look for students who can demonstrate a directed pursuit of study
- Colleges look for students who show the kinds of skills required to complete the AS/A level examinations and possibly the AICE Diploma
- AICE courses and examinations are equivalent to first year college and university courses (See Course Equivalents for more detail).
- Students who pass the battery of six examinations are awarded the AICE Diploma directly by the University of Cambridge. Students who do not earn the AICE Diploma are given credit for those examinations they do pass and are awarded individual General Certificates of Education by Cambridge.
- AICE and Pre-AICE courses strictly follows a course syllabus that is designed by Cambridge professors.
- AICE students are eligible for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. All AICE Academy students are required to fulfill the 75-hour community service project, which is required for the Florida Academic Scholars Award. It is our goal to see all of our AICE students leave AHS with college tuition paid in full. Bright Futures and other scholarship committees look for students who academically challenge themselves
- The AICE program of study at AHS offers students one of the most demanding and rigorous college preparatory programs in the world. The State of Florida Universities and the Bright Futures Scholarship Program each award one extra quality point for students who successfully complete a Pre-AICE and/or AICE course with a "C" or better.
- Students in the AICE Program are given the flexibility to choose a course of study that best meets their abilities and interests. After completing at least one course in each of the three academic areas, students can choose the other three courses they wish to take.
- AICE students are better prepared to be successful at the University level upon graduation from high school. A study recently done by Bill Kolb, director of admissions at the University of Florida, showed that AICE students performed better during their freshman year at UF, than students who took IB, AP and Dual Enrollment courses.

Acceleration Mechanism	Average GPA During Freshman Year
None (honors or regular classes)	2.60
Dual Enrollment	2.65
Advanced Placement (AP)	3.02
International Baccalaureate (IB)	3.08
Advanced International Certificate in Education (AICE)	3.46

Of the above-mentioned AICE students, only 4 of 30 students in the study had less than 3.0 GPA in their first year at the University of Florida.