

# LENNARD HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

## What is the Collegiate Academy?

The Collegiate Academy is a specialized dual enrollment program of study that provides students with an opportunity to earn a Liberal Arts, Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) through Hillsborough Community College (HCC) while also meeting requirements for their high school diploma. The students will take college courses, free of cost (including textbooks), during the school day. Freshmen and Sophomores take their courses on the campus of Lennard High School, while Juniors and Seniors take their courses on the SouthShore campus of HCC. In addition, to earning their A.A. degree, students will have the opportunity to graduate with an AICE Diploma.

#### What are the major benefits of Lennard's Collegiate Academy?

- Our Collegiate Academy is one of the most rigorous programs in the state of Florida.
- We offer more college credit than any other Dual Enrollment program in all of Hillsborough County (a minimum of 60 credit hours).
- Students are still eligible for grants, scholarships, and other financial aid when applying for college.
- Advanced Academics tutoring is available after school.
- Students will receive individualized mentoring and counseling from the Collegiate Guidance Counselor and Lead Teacher.
- The Collegiate Academy greatly enhances a student's resume, making them exponentially more attractive to colleges.
- All public colleges in the state of Florida are required to accept the college credit earned in the Collegiate Academy.

## What is the difference between the Collegiate Academy and IB?

The Collegiate Academy, as stated above, is a Dual Enrollment program in which students have Hillsborough Community College courses integrated into their high school schedule. By

graduation, students will have completed at least 60 college credit hours and earned an Associate of Arts degree (A.A.). The International Baccalaureate (IB) program offers students the opportunity to earn college credits as well as an international high school diploma, but IB students do not graduate high school with an A.A. degree. Both programs offer rigorous and challenging coursework; however, an A.A. degree earned from the Collegiate Academy is accepted at all in-state (and most out-of-state) public colleges and universities.

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