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HOW DO I APPLY?

The transfer period typically runs from mid October through the third week in February. The online application can be found here: <https://transapp.knoxschools.org/>. Families will typically receive a letter in the mail shortly after spring break stating whether or not they have been accepted. Career Magnet Academy accepts 125 freshmen each school year. We also accept older students (grades 10-12) on a case-by-case basis. Parents of older students should contact the school to arrange a meeting with our principal and school counselor. If there are any available seats after the application window, CMA will take another round of applications beginning in early summer. Dates for the summer application window will be posted on our website if we have any available seats.



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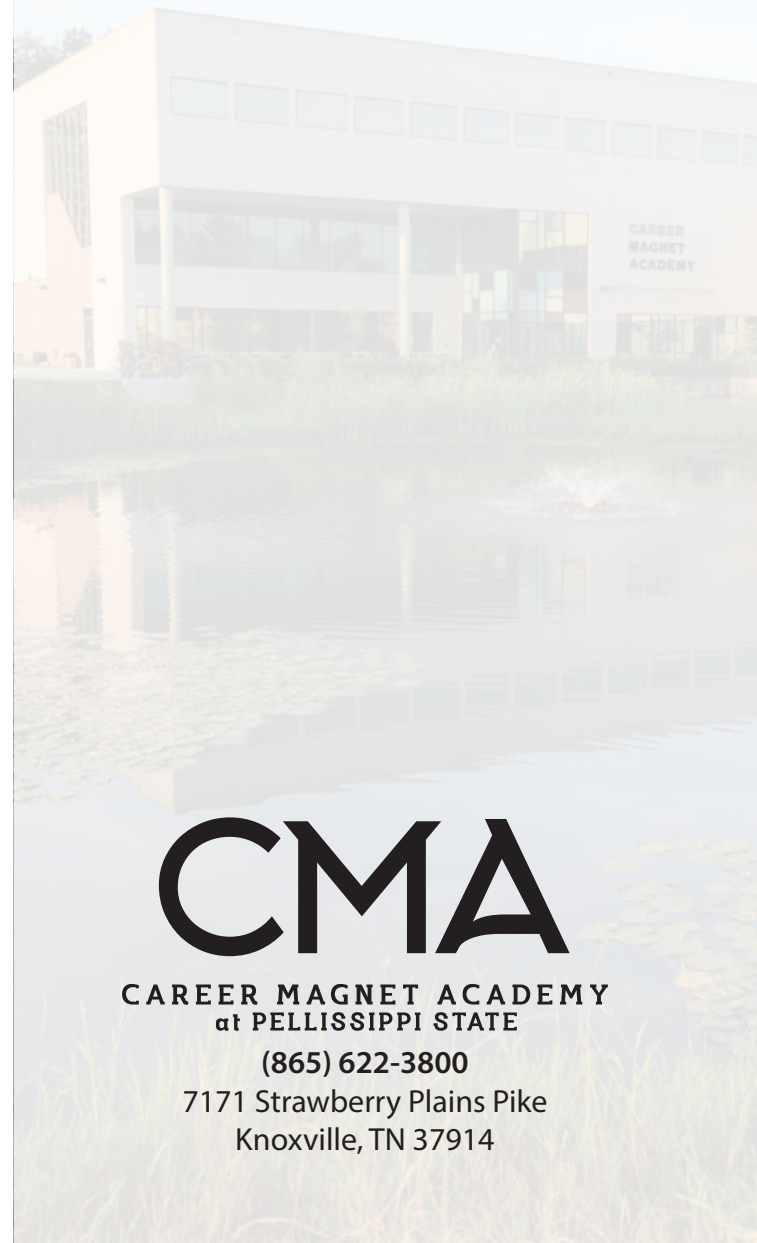
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WHO ARE WE?

Career Magnet Academy is a Knox County public magnet school who partners with Pellissippi State Community College on the Strawberry Plains campus to provide our scholars the opportunity to make significant progress towards an associate degree while still in high school. CMA allows equal access to dual enrollment courses at PSCC to Knox County students who may not have access to as many dual enrollment courses at their zoned schools and at no cost to their families other than a small portion of the Hope scholarship. Many of our scholars are first-generation college students who enjoy the support we provide throughout the dual enrollment process, beginning with AVID elective classes in 9th and ACT Prep in 10th grade which become college seminar courses during 11th and 12th.



HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT?

While some CMA scholars begin taking dual enrollment courses as early as tenth grade, most of our students do not begin until 11th grade. PSCC offers degree options for Associates of Science and Arts as well as Associates of Applied Science. The dual enrollment qualifications differ for each general category and are as follows:

- Associate of Arts/Associate of Science
 - 3.0 GPA
 - Either ACT or Accuplacer (or a combination of both):
 - ACT: 18 English, 19 reading, 19 math
 - AccuPlacer: PSCC's placement exam, given once in the fall and once in the spring
- Associate of Applied Science
 - 2.0 GPA
 - Either ACT or Accuplacer (or a combination of both):
 - ACT: 13 English, 13 reading, 13 math
 - AccuPlacer: PSCC's placement exam, given once in the fall and once in the spring



HOW MANY COLLEGE CREDIT HOURS CAN I EARN?

Students who take the maximum number of dual enrollment courses (seven during the junior year; seven during the senior year) could potentially earn as many as forty-four college credit hours towards an A.S. or an A.A.. Each year, a select number of sophomores are permitted to take up to two additional classes provided they meet more stringent benchmarks. Additional funding is available through PSCC for qualified students who wish to add to the already rigorous course load mentioned

above. Each year, some CMA scholars manage to graduate high school with their full associate degree; however, this requires the students to take extra courses in the evenings, summers, or online.

Since full associate degrees are not for everyone, some of our students choose to pursue one of the A.A.S. degrees offered by PSCC, but their course load is contingent upon PSCC's scheduling and availability.

Whatever path our students choose to take, those who wish to complete their degrees following high school graduation can use TN Promise money to return to PSCC after high school graduation to finish up any remaining coursework.



HOW DO WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS?

At CMA, we begin on day-one preparing our scholars to be college ready by their junior year and in some cases, their sophomore year. We do this in a variety of ways...

AVID, Humanities, & Leadership Courses

AVID courses, Leadership courses, and Humanities courses focus on study skills, organizational skills, and soft skills while challenging students to think critically and creatively.

College Readiness

Regardless of their academic ability, we work tirelessly to help our students become college ready. We utilize such resources as IXL (individualized reading and math practice), Power Up (reading remediation), and RTI1 (reading and math remediation) to help ensure that our scholars have every possible opportunity to meet ACT and AccuPlacer benchmarks, regardless of where they are when come to us.

ACT Prep

Since we take the ACT one year earlier than traditional high schools, we equip our students with the skills and strategies for taking this test. Students will have a semester-long course where they will get the opportunity to practice taking this standardized test and promote the stamina that it takes to be cognitively ready throughout the exam.

College Seminar

All dual enrollment scholars at CMA participate in College Seminar which provides them with the support they need to succeed in their Pellissippi courses. College Seminar is held in a dedicated classroom space at PSCC which is designed to create a focused study environment in a college atmosphere. Our College and Career Counselor works diligently to communicate with all stakeholders, including PSCC professors,

as well as CMA scholars and their families, to help ensure that students are successful in the classroom and that they are on track to meet their individual goals. Both junior and senior scholars meet weekly with our College and Career Counselor to review their current grades and plan for future assignments to ensure that they are able to receive any additional support that they may need. Junior scholars are required to be in College Seminar when they are not in class at CMA or PSCC, while Seniors are granted more freedom to manage their time independently, as long as they are performing up to



CAMPUS LIFE

CMA is a small school with a maximum capacity of 500 students, but we do not let that stop us from having social events such as winter formals, junior/senior proms, CMA movie nights, ice cream socials, BINGO night, and kickball tournaments. Because of our small size, however, we are limited in what kinds of extracurricular opportunities and elective courses we can offer. Currently, we have a bowling team and a cross-country team, a track team, a golf team, and a tennis team is in progress. We also offer theater as an elective course, and many of our dual enrollment scholars take Music Appreciation at PSCC.

In an attempt to compensate for limited athletics and electives, however, we offer a menu of student-led clubs, from academic clubs to fun clubs, your students will not have difficulty finding a club to join. Here are some of our more popular clubs:

- Academic Clubs and Organizations
 - National Honor Society
 - Brain Bowl
 - Student Government Association
 - Student Ambassadors
 - FBLA
- Fun Clubs, just to name a few...
 - Book Club
 - Guitar Club
 - American Sign Language Club
 - Photography Club
 - Spanish Club
 - Art Club
 - Strategic Gaming Club
 - Equality Club
 - Glee Club



HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

To learn more, visit our website at www.knoxschools.org/careermagnet where you can read more about CMA or contact the Magnet Facilitator for a school tour, shadow a student or visit us at an open house.