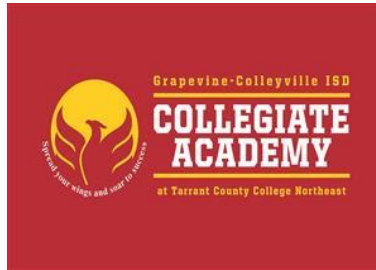


Collegiate Academy Frequently Asked Questions



What are early college high schools?

- Early college high schools are small schools designed so that students can earn both a high school diploma and an Associate's degree or up to two years of credit toward a Bachelor's degree. Early college high schools have the potential to improve high school graduation rates and better prepare all students for high skill careers by engaging them in a rigorous, curriculum and compressing the number of years to a college degree.

Do Collegiate Academy students pay college tuition and textbooks to get credit for college courses?

- Students do NOT pay for classes and textbooks. Collegiate Academy courses, including TCC-NE courses are FREE. Students who have been unsuccessful after taking a class for a second time will be required to pay tuition.

What are the school hours?

- The school hours are approximately 8:35AM-4:20PM Monday-Friday.

Will transportation be provided?

- Grapevine – Colleyville ISD will provide transportation to and from TCC-NE. Students are picked up and dropped off at their home middle school campuses and/or PDEC.

Can a student be involved in UIL activities at CHHS or GHS while attending Collegiate Academy?

- No. Collegiate Academy is a "stand alone" high school. It is the 3rd high school in Grapevine – Colleyville ISD. However, there are clubs that students can join. CA currently has a Basketball and Soccer team. We compete against other Early College High Schools in the metroplex.

What degree plans does CA offer?

- Collegiate Academy offers the Multidisciplinary or STEM graduation plans.



Does Collegiate Academy offer on-level classes?

- High school classes are Pre-AP or AP (Advanced Placement) only. College classes are dual credit which means they are college level but count for the high school credits as well.

How many credits are needed to graduate?

- Students need 60 credits (Multidisciplinary) or 62 (STEM) credits to graduate with their high school diploma and Associate's degree.

Does my student still get a GPA?

- Students receive both a high school and college GPA for courses taken.

Will my student be able to apply for scholarships?

- Applying for and gaining scholarships is one of the most integral parts to Collegiate Academy. During their college preparation course (Pathways) students begin to apply for both entrance to colleges as well as for scholarships.

Does my student attend all classes at TCC?

- All high school courses are taken inside of the CA building on the TCC campus. College courses are located in the designated TCC-NE campus building adjacent from our campus building.

What will my student's diploma say?

- Since CA is stand-alone high school in GCISD, your student's diploma will have Grapevine-Colleyville Collegiate Academy listed.

What is your mascot?

- The CA mascot is the Phoenix.

What are your school colors?

- CA school colors are red and gold.

What is the total enrollment?

- CA total enrollment for 2016-2017 is 272 students.

What is the teacher student ratio?


- The teacher student ratio is generally 1:25.

How long has CA been open?

- CA was opened in 2014.

I am interested in Grapevine – Colleyville Collegiate Academy! How do I apply?



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- Apply online during the application window or pick up an application at Collegiate Academy Family Information Night or from your middle school counselor.
- Fill out the application online or turn it in to your middle school counselor.
- Family interview will be scheduled with the Collegiate Academy administration after your completed application is turned into your counselor.

Will I be able to apply to Grapevine – Collegiate Academy when I am a sophomore, junior or senior?

- No. Collegiate Academy only accepts incoming freshmen.

Is there a different dress code for Grapevine – Colleyville Early College High School?

- No. Students will follow the GCISD Student Code of Conduct Handbook. The Collegiate Academy uniform consists of wearing the school lanyard with ID badge daily when on campus.

When will the college classes begin at the Grapevine – Colleyville Collegiate Academy?

- Students in 9th grade and 10th grade take 3 college classes per year as a cohort. Course load increases in the 11th and 12th grade year, with students attending classes that meet the requirement for their individualized associate's degree.

Will credits from the TCC associates degree transfer to out of state schools?

- The core 42 credits will transfer to any Texas state/public university. It is at the discretion of each out- of state or private university as to what credits they accept. The Collegiate Academy counselor will work closely with the transfer department at TCC and the individual student to ensure as smooth a transition as possible to the four year university of their choice.

If I do not feel like this is a good fit for me, will I be able to go back to my home high school?


- The Collegiate Academy program is a four year commitment. It is a rigorous program that requires that a student be fully invested in order to participate.

Do I have to be in the Gifted and Talented program to participate?

- No. Students and parents need only demonstrate a commitment to fully participate in academically rigorous program.

Will I earn credits that will place me as a junior in college after high school graduation?

- While you are enrolled in the Collegiate Academy program you can earn up to 60 hours of college credit; however, once you are enrolled at your desired university, the transcript of
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college course credits will be evaluated to determine the number of credits, which apply to your college classification.

What are the benefits for participating in this type of high school?

- You will be exposed to an accelerated learning environment; will engage in an academic program of rigor; will graduate from high school better prepared for college and able to successfully complete a college degree; will be involved in the goal setting process, engaged in reflective conversations, gather evidence of progress toward goals, and exposed to and engaged in campus, community, and workforce activities; and, helps prepare you to strengthen your leadership and career readiness skills.

More information can found at the following URL: <http://www.gcisd-k12.org/Domain/2203>

