

Renaissance Academy Alternative Programs (Grades 9-12)

The Renaissance Academy offers students in grades 9-12 a comprehensive instructional program that merges life skills necessary for success in the 21st century with existing Virginia Beach City Public Schools curricula. Students can expect a rigorous academic curriculum which promotes the development of self-determination, responsibility, and integrity. The innovative educational environment provides flexible learning opportunities to support student success. Day and evening programs are offered. Age-appropriate direct intervention that addresses student social-emotional behavior concerns will be provided using character education components. Leadership skills fundamental to student achievement are embedded throughout the curricula.

Students are recommended for placement by school administrators, parents, or the Office of Student Leadership. An individualized plan for each student, the Alternative Contract for Excellence (ACE), is designed collaboratively by academy staff, parents, and the student to ensure that each student meets his/her educational goals. Multiple instructional options support seamless student transitions to additional programs within Renaissance Academy or in a comprehensive school.

Online Learning

Online learning offers innovative and flexible solutions to assist students who need to retrieve course credit because of extenuating circumstances or who desire to graduate with their class but lack one or two credits that are not available for completion in a traditional setting. Online curriculum offerings are provided in a structured school lab environment.

Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP)

The Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP) is a Commonwealth of Virginia initiative to provide an opportunity for students ages 16-17 to work toward a General Education Development (GED®) Certificate and a vocational or career skill without dropping out of school.

Students must be referred and must qualify to be admitted to this program. ISAEP will only be considered for students after all measures to maintain students in a diploma program have been exhausted. For more information on the referral process, contact the ISAEP Coordinator in each high school. (GED ® is a registered trade-mark of the American Council on Education and may not be used or reproduced without the express written permission of the American Council on Education).