

Wildcat Collegiate Academy

In Partnership with Collin College

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Sign-In and
Questions?



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Meet the WCA Team!



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School Principal



What is a Collegiate Academy?

- Pathway for students to earn high school credits simultaneously with college credits
 - ~ 62 hours / 2 years of college credit
- Students earn high school diploma and Associate degree (2 graduations)
- Instruction provided by college credentialed faculty
- Bridge between high school and college

Benefits of the Collegiate Academy

Why choose us?



Provides a head start on college that will minimize time and tuition for students



Students acquire unique college skills and mindsets that create increased readiness and success in college



Transfer college credits to Plano ISD's top attended universities



Students complete the Texas college core curriculum and up to two years of college

Advantages in taking part of the Collegiate Academy



Dual credit courses
and textbooks at
NO COST to students



Students receive
personalized support and
postsecondary planning



Creates a seamless
transition from high
school to college

Recognizing Our Collin College Partners

- Craig Leverette, Vice President of P-12 Partnerships and Districtwide Scheduling
- Raul Martinez, Associate Vice President of P-12 Partnerships
- Shawna Chamberlin, Associate Dean for P-12 Partnerships
- Alma Martell, Special Admissions Coordinator
- Kenzie Lopes, Collin College Counselor
- Seth Rutledge, Dual Credit Director
- Dr. Kristen Streater, Dean of Academic Affairs at the Plano Campus



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Program Overview

- Partnership between Plano ISD & Collin College
- Provides a pathway for Plano ISD students to earn an Associate's Degree while in HS
 - Associate of Arts
 - Associate of Science
- Located in the Wildcat Nation Feeder Pattern
 - Vines High School for grades 9 and 10
 - Plano Senior High School for grades 11 and 12
- College curriculum provided within a high school structure of a "school within a school"
- Students may also participate in Wildcat Nation Extracurricular Activities



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Criteria for Admission



Open to current 8th graders & limited seats for current 9th grade students



At the “Meets” level on Fall 8th Grade MAP Reading Assessment



Have 90% attendance rate (no more than 6 full or partial day absences by application date)



Students must take and pass the reading and writing portions of the TSI-Assessment to enroll in college courses



Students must be college ready in math by or before senior year



Ideal Student Profile

- Initiative and drive
- Organizational skills
- Self-advocacy skills
- Academic capability
- Positive behavior
- Commitment to purpose of program
- College-focused

Program Features

The Cohort Model



- Academic and study skills support
- College visits
- Dedicated time for student support and collaboration
- Collegiate Academy counselor and advisor support
- Guest speakers
- Intensive college planning activities



Program Features

- Transportation = Bus routes will be available from the high school campuses to the Wildcat Collegiate Academy
- College schedule = Collegiate students at Vines will have structured enrichment classes on Tues/Thurs to support academic success, with college classes typically on MWF

Course Progression and Foundation High School Graduation Plan

- Students graduate on the FHSP with endorsement at the Distinguished Level of Achievement
- Students have the opportunity to earn multiple endorsements
- Students receive performance acknowledgments for dual credit course completion

Grade Level	Courses	Credit Hours
9th Grade	2-3 courses	6-9 hours
10th Grade	4 courses	12 hours
11th Grade	6 - 8 courses*	18 - 25 hours*
12th Grade	6 - 8 courses*	20 - 27 hours*

*Dual credit math courses may be taken junior or senior year depending on readiness.

Sample Four Year Plan

Freshman Year-Vines 6 hours	Sophomore Year-Vines 12 hours	Junior Year-PSHS 18 hours	Senior Year-PSHS 26-27 hours
English I Honors	English II Honors Chemistry Honors Math (Alg I) Honors Math (Geom) Honors World Hist: HIST 2321,2322 BCIS 1305 ARTS 1301 Foreign Language 2 Foreign Language 1 Fine Arts or Elective	Eng III: ENGL 1301, 1302	English IV: ENGL 2332, 2333
Biology Honors		Physics	Dual Credit Science (8 hours)
Math (Alg I) Honors		Math (Alg 2)	Math* (MATH 1314, 2412/1342)
AP Human Geography		US Hist: HIST 1301, 1302	GOVT 2305 ECON 2301
EDUC 1300 SPCH 1311		GOVT 2306 PSYC 2301	Elective
Foreign Language 1		Health/ Elective	Elective
PE or Elective		Elective	Elective

Students will work closely with the Collegiate Academy counselor to meet their individual needs to participate in programs like Band, Athletics, Fine Arts and AVID.






Fall Timeline for Interested Students




2024 Dates	Activity
November 4 at 6:30 PM	Wildcat Collegiate Academy Virtual Meeting
November 19 at 5 PM	Application Deadline
November 30	Selection Notification Email
December 6	Student Commitment Decision Deadline

The Application is available now at
www.pisd.edu/academyprograms

How to Apply: Selection Portal

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ACADEMY PROGRAMS
OF PLANO

Step 1: View the Academy Programs of Plano information webinar

Step 2: Explore the Academy programs

Step 3: Apply for the program that meets your interests!

2025-2026 Academy Programs of Plano ISD Selection Portal

The selection form for the 2025-2026 school year is **now open**.

Closes
5 PM – November 19

Interested in a Second Program?
After you have submitted a first choice, a link is provided for a second choice.

Submit Early
No late selection forms will be considered.

ACADEMY PROGRAMS OF PLANO FIRST CHOICE SELECTION FORM

Lottery results and placements will be sent by email on or after November 30.



Lottery Process

- Review for program criteria:
 - Attendance 90% rate
 - “Meets” level on Fall Reading MAP assessment
- Reserve 40% for economically disadvantaged students
- Random lottery conducted at district office



1 on 1 Student Meetings

- After random lottery selection, students will be scheduled for a mandatory 1-1 meeting with WCA staff members.
- The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that the student is committed to the WCA program and all of the factors it entails.
- It is also an opportunity for us to get to know the student and for the student to advocate for their needs.

Spring & Summer Timeline for Admitted Students

2025 Dates	Activity
March 2025	Welcome Night <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet and greet• Collin College Admissions Process• Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) prep information
June/July	Summer Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 days• Team building• College mindset, skills, strategies• TSIA practice and testing
Fall 2025	Collin College Welcome Week <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour of Collin College Plano campus• Collin College student resources

Prepare students
and create the
Plano Wildcat
Collegiate
Academy culture!

Next Steps to join the Plano Wildcat Collegiate Academy

Step 1



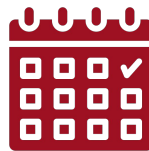
Complete the application

**The Application is
available now**

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Deadline: November 19 at 5 PM

Step 2



Save the dates

Nov 30: Notification Email
Dec 6: Commitment Deadline
March: Welcome Night
June/July: Summer Bridge &
TSIA testing

Step 3



Prepare for the TSIA ELAR

Free online TSIA Prep:

tinyurl.com/TSIAprep1

tinyurl.com/TSIAprep2

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Hear from our WCA Student Panel!





**Please Welcome our Wildcat
Collegiate Academy Student
Panel!**

What is one piece of advice or something you wish you would have known before joining WCA?





What have you enjoyed the most
about being in the Wildcat Collegiate
Academy?

How do you balance the academic demands with your extracurricular activities?





If this is not your feeder pattern, how have you adjusted and made new friends?

What do you think are some qualities
that a WCA student should have?





**Thank you for your
interest in Wildcat
Collegiate Academy!**

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