

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We welcome your interest in the University of Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Program at Sarasota High School. The Cambridge curriculum is taught in over 160 countries worldwide, and in 1994 the Cambridge AICE program was first introduced to the United States and is growing throughout the country. Cambridge consists of rigorous pre-university courses that emphasize higher order thinking skills, writing, problem solving, teamwork and investigative skills. Highly motivated students who excel academically are encouraged to apply to this program.

Admission to the AICE Program will be based on the review of the following criteria:

1. Middle school core academic grades / grade point average
2. Middle school curriculum / courses taken
3. Level of proficiency on FCAT Reading & Mathematics / other standardized test scores
4. Attendance and Discipline Records

If you would like to apply for admission to the Cambridge AICE Program, please fill out the enclosed application. If you currently attend a private school, you will need to attach school records such as, grades and standardized test scores.

Application deadline is March 1st, 2019.

Return your application packet to:

Sarasota High School
Cambridge AICE Coordinator
2155 Bahia Vista St.
Sarasota, FL 34239

If you have any questions, contact the Cambridge AICE Coordinator at Sarasota High School.

Sincerely,
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SARASOTA HIGH SCHOOL CAMBRIDGE AICE APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION

COMPLETE USING ONLY BLUE OR BLACK INK (NO PENCIL PLEASE)

| | | |
|---|--------|-------------------------|
| Last Name: | First: | Middle: |
| 12 th Grade Graduation Year: | | |
| Mailing Address: | | Phone: |
| City: | State: | Zip Code: |
| Date of Birth: | | Middle School Name: |
| Student Email: | | Districted High School: |

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

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| Name: | Phone: |
| Email: | |

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. ___ Completed application
2. ___ Two teacher recommendations on provided forms – Language Arts teacher and teacher of choice
3. ___ Writing sample on provided form
4. ___ Private and Out-of-County/State Students: Copy of most recent report card
5. ___ Private and Out-of-County/State Students: Copy of most recent standardized test scores

STUDENT & PARENT COMMITMENT STATEMENT

I understand the SHS Cambridge AICE Program is a rigorous, academic course of study for academically talented and motivated students. I also understand that some of the readings will be of a more mature and sensitive nature. These readings are assigned by the University of Cambridge and are non-negotiable. Students and parents must also understand the importance of computer access for AICE students. Students should have access to a computer with Internet access and word processing capabilities either at home or in their community. Students will be required to take Pre-AICE English, Pre AICE Biology, and Pre AICE World History. Finally, all students should maintain a minimum of a “C” average in all courses, a 2.75 un-weighted core GPA overall. I understand the consequences for not meeting these standards may result in dismissal from the AICE Program or individual AICE courses. If I am at Sarasota High out of district and I am removed from the AICE Program, I may be returned to my districted high school. Cambridge AICE exams (10th-12th) may take place outside of the school year (as late as 2nd week of June) and students are expected to take these exams.

SIGNATURES

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| Signature of Applicant: | Date: |
| Signature of Parent/Guardian: | Date: |

NOTES

Submit Application to: Sarasota High School; C/O AICE Coordinator; 2155 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, FL 34239.
Application Deadline: March 1st, 2019.

OFFICE USE (please do not fill out)

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| 7 th Grade GPA: | 8 th Grade GPA: | Attendance/Discipline: |
| Reading FCAT: | Math FCAT: | |
| Math Class: | Foreign Language: | |
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Sarasota High School AICE Program Teacher Recommendation Form

**** To be completed by Language Arts Teacher**

Student name: _____ Current School: _____

Subject: _____ Teacher: _____

Student's grades (fill in according to time of year): First Qtr. _____ Second Qtr. _____ Third Qtr. _____

Please rate the student in the following categories according to the following scale:

| | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Intellect | | | | |
| Study habits | | | | |
| Motivation | | | | |
| Homework | | | | |
| Maturity | | | | |
| Personal Conduct | | | | |
| Independence | | | | |

How has the student achieved good grades in your class? Check all that apply:

by consistent hard work
 by grade consciousness
 by virtue of memory
 by brilliance of mind
 other

Additional comments:

Do you believe this student is a good candidate for the AICE Program?

Highly recommend
 Recommend
 Do not recommend

Signature of teacher _____

* This form can be returned to the student upon completion, so the student can return it with a completed application. However, if you feel this needs to be sent directly to the AICE Coordinator, please do so through PONY or school mail.

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 AICE Coordinator, SHS
 2155 Bahia Vista Street
 Sarasota, FL 34239

Sarasota High School AICE Program Teacher Recommendation Form

**** To be completed by a teacher of your choice**

Student name: _____ Current School: _____

Subject: _____ Teacher: _____

Student's grades (fill in according to time of year): First Qtr. _____ Second Qtr. _____ Third Qtr. _____

Please rate the student in the following categories according to the following scale:

| | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Intellect | | | | |
| Study habits | | | | |
| Motivation | | | | |
| Homework | | | | |
| Maturity | | | | |
| Personal Conduct | | | | |
| Independence | | | | |

How has the student achieved good grades in your class? Check all that apply:

_____ by consistent hard work _____ by grade consciousness _____ by virtue of memory

_____ by brilliance of mind _____ other

Additional comments:

Do you believe this student is a good candidate for the AICE Program?

_____ Highly recommend _____ Recommend _____ Do not recommend

Signature of teacher _____

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WRITING SAMPLE

The writing portion of this application is a very important part of our evaluation process.

Cambridge AICE curriculum requires students to write effectively. Our students will be writing at an advanced high school level beginning in ninth grade and will take college-level exams thereafter. While writing instruction will occur in all grades, it is important that students have strong skills on which to build. Writing distinguishes our program from other accelerated programs and is part of what makes our graduates better prepared to succeed at the university level.

Some hints to help you succeed with the writing portion:

- For each of the following prompts, write a paragraph to answer the questions. Do not write a two or three sentence answer.
- When writing formal essays, do not use conversational style. For example, do not begin sentences with “Well,....”
- Basic writing conventions are important. Write a rough draft and then edit. If your spelling is not great, type a rough draft into a word processing program and then check your spelling with spell check. Let someone else read your essay and give you feedback. Do not submit an essay which looks like a rough draft!
- **DO NOT TYPE!!** Write in blue or black ink. Handwriting is important. Not everyone has great handwriting but you must make every effort to write legibly. We want to see your handwriting.
- **DO NOT PUT THE WRITING PORTION OF THE APPLICATION OFF UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE THE APPLICATION IS DUE.**



