

Venice Middle School

Advanced Curriculum Gifted Academy

ELA Mathematics Science Social Studies

Program Admission Application



Charging Toward Excellence!

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Application Due Date: Please return your completed application by **March 1st, 2020 to VMS front desk.**

Return your application to: Venice Middle School, Receptionist. An email with final schedule information will be sent to families mid-July after FSA results received and reviewed by VMS. Keep a copy of this packet for your records.

Venice Middle School Full-Time Advanced Curriculum Academy Admission Application

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name:		First Name:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Date of Birth:	Current School:	Email:

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name:	Phone:
Parent/Guardian Email:	
Name:	Phone:
Parent/Guardian Email:	

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1) ___ Completed application
- 2) ___ Two teacher recommendations (Language Arts and Math)
- 3) ___ Completed Writing Sample
- 4) ___ Copy of most recent report card (only for private and out-of-county/state students)
- 5) ___ Copy of most recent standardized test scores (only for private and out-of-county/state students)

Advanced Curriculum Academy POINTS OF PRIDE

Our Advanced Curriculum Academy provides gifted and high achieving students exceptional learning experiences and is designed for students who need to be challenged intellectually. This learning environment focuses on developing critical thinking, communication and collaboration skills.

- The Advanced Curriculum Academy has a pre-collegiate emphasis where gifted and high-achieving 8th grade students are eligible to take the PSAT.
- The Language Arts Program emphasizes AP strategies, where student learning is accelerated one grade level above standard curriculum as students use the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade AP/CollegeBoard Springboard texts.
- Students can earn a potential of four High School Credits in the via: Geometry Honors, Algebra I Honors, Physical Science I, and Spanish I.
- Students move seamlessly from this program to any high school program and are both extremely well prepared and highly successful in AICE, AP and IB programs.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- Must have a Grade Point Average of a 3.0 or higher in Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science for previous and current grade level in school.
- Must earn a level 3 or above for math and 4 or above for reading on standardized test scores.
- Maintain satisfactory attendance as per Sarasota County School Board Policy. Maintain 70% in core classes.
- No major referrals for current or previous year; no zero tolerance offenses allowed.
- Review of progress 1st and 2nd semester each year, student may be placed on academic/behavior probation
- All paperwork must be complete to be evaluated prior to admission.

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

Advanced Curriculum Academy Course Offerings:

Science, Math, ELA, Social Studies

Student Name (Last, First): _____ Grade _____

Over the course of the three (3) years, students will engage in studies that provide the opportunities to delve into the areas that have viable connections to real world applications. The systematic progression of core academic courses moves your child **beyond** middle school level core classes found in regular education classes.

Note: All students will complete a detailed Encore selection form prior to final schedule development.

CORE CLASS PLACEMENT:

Math

- 6th Grade Advanced Math
- 7th Grade Advanced Math (Can be taken in 6th Grade)
- Algebra 1 Honors (7th or 8th Grade) High School Credit option
- Geometry (8th Grade) High School Credit option

English Language Arts

- 7th Grade SpringBoard College Board (Taken in 6th Grade)
- 8th Grade SpringBoard College Board (Taken in 7th Grade)
- 9th Grade SpringBoard College Board (Taken in 8th Grade)

Science

- 6th Earth Space Science
- 7th Life Science
- 8th Physical Science Honors High School Credit option

Social Studies

- 6th Grade- World History
- 7th Grade- U.S. History
- 8th Grade- Civics

ENCORE OPTIONS:

- Choir (Year Long Encore)
- Piano (Year Long Encore)
- Guitar (Semester Long Encore)
- Band (Year Long Encore)
- Orchestra (Year Long Encore)
- 2D Art (Semester Encore)
- 3D Art (Semester Encore)
- Theatre (Semester Encore)
- Technology --Computer keyboarding, Microsoft Office, Computer Applications (Semester Encore)

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Teacher Recommendation Form

To Be Completed by Current English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher

Student Name (Last, First): _____ Grade: _____

Current School: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Language Arts Grades: Q1 _____ Q2 _____ Q3 _____

Please rate the student from 1 to 10, with 10 being "Excellent" on the following criteria.

	Excellent (10)	Above Average (8-9)	Average (7)	Below Average (0-6)
Creativity				
Responsibility				
Motivation				
Independence				
Leadership				
Attendance				

Why does this student need accelerated classes for English Language Arts?

Additional comments:

Teacher's Signature: _____

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Teacher Recommendation Form

To Be Completed by Math Teacher

Student Name (Last, First): _____ Course: _____

Current School: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Math Grades: Q1 _____ Q2 _____ Q3 _____

Please rate the student from 1 to 10, with 10 being "Excellent" on the following criteria.

	Excellent (10)	Above Average (8-9)	Average (7)	Below Average (0-6)
Problem Solving				
Responsibility				
Motivation				
Independence				
Leadership				
Attendance				

Why does this student need accelerated classes for Mathematics?

Additional comments:

Teacher's Signature: _____

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WRITING SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONS

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

One of our goals at Venice Middle School is to prepare students to be college and career ready.

Florida curriculum requires students to be able to write effectively, and at Venice Middle School, students are expected to write within all content areas.

Advanced Curriculum Gifted Academy students are expected to write at an advanced level. Strong writing skills are essential to prepare students for success at the high school and university level.

Please have your child complete the writing portion of this application independently and neatly by hand. Use of electronic devices to do research is not appropriate for this writing assignment.

- For the following prompt, hand write a multi-paragraph (3-5 paragraphs) essay.

PROMPT:

Research shows that a well-rounded education includes academics and extracurricular activities. Think about what you personally know about the benefits of extracurricular activities such as music, sports, dance, yoga, etc. Write an informational essay that explains why extracurricular activities benefit students strive for a well-rounded education.

Be sure to:

- Be mindful of purpose, focus and organization
- Elaborate and fully explain ideas
- Use appropriate writing conventions and grammar

