

# Did you know that Clearwater High School offers two different Magnet programs?



## **Career Academy for International Culture and Commerce**

CAICC introduces students to the international business environment, as well as the cultural aspects of working and living in a global business community. Studies focus on culture, business protocol customs, marketing, communication, international economics and finance, import and export basics, and the use of technology in business. Students earn certification in Entrepreneurship and Small Business. The curriculum is a program of study which prepares students for post-secondary education or entry into the workforce.

Students in the Academy participate in curriculum-based field trips to international businesses and locations with multicultural activities. Guest speakers give the students an opportunity to meet people from other countries from around the world and learn the dos and taboos of conducting business with other cultures.

The instructional staff utilizes creative and innovative educational strategies to assure that students are exposed to academic learning and career skills essential for entry into a career or technical employment in the global workforce as well as preparedness for advancing their education. The faculty reinforces high standards for all students and provides a competency-based assessment and opportunities for applied learning.

## **CAICC Highlights:**

- CAICC has been a part of Clearwater High School for over 20 years and is one of the longest operating Career Academies in the district (previously called PICC).
- CAICC has been selected as an Academy of Distinction with Honors by PCS and the Pinellas Education Foundation.
- CAICC is also recognized as a Model Academy, a highly competitive national award bestowed by the National Career Academy Coalition.
- CAICC has a very active Advisory Board as well as an extremely successful Booster Club to support the students and goals of the program.
- Students have flexibility of choosing standard, honors, AP, AICE and/or Dual Enrollment level coursework for their core academics so they can become college and career ready.
- The CAICC Program students participate in field trips each semester.
- Field trips include:
  - Port of Tampa
  - Ybor City
  - Tarpon Springs
  - Universal Studios
  - University of South Florida
  - Savannah, Georgia
  - New York City, New York



Cambridge Assessment  
International Education

## **Advanced International Certificate of Education**

Cambridge is an advanced academic program where students take college-level coursework. The Cambridge program is an international curriculum and examination program modeled after the British pre-college curriculum and 'A-Level' exams.

Alongside in-depth understanding of their subjects, students also will master a broader range of skills critical for success at the University level. The Cambridge program places an emphasis on essential skills such as the ability to:

- think critically
- carry out independent research
- evaluate arguments
- communicate clear and well-reasoned arguments
- understand global issues from multiple perspectives

This Cambridge AICE diploma helps higher education institutions identify students with the type of cohesive academic experience and higher-order thinking and communication skills that are associated with distinguished achievement at University.

Students will take international exams and work towards their Cambridge AICE Diplomas, with the goal of earning college credit. **Students who earn the Cambridge AICE Diploma and complete the required community service hours qualify for the highest level of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, regardless of their GPA and SAT/ACT scores.**

## **AICE Highlights:**

- Over 90% of Cambridge Students achieve their Cambridge AICE Diploma (75% by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade).
- US and International Colleges and Universities award college credit for passed Cambridge AICE exams
- The Cambridge program includes research projects that offer opportunities for students to demonstrate skills of independent study and pursue areas of interest at greater depth.
- The Cambridge Program offers students flexibility which allows them to choose coursework to fulfill individual interests and needs and allows students to participate in Advanced Placement and/or Dual Enrollment and earn credits for college.
- Cambridge program teachers have attended specialized training and are skilled at helping students with rigorous coursework and international testing.
- Cambridge students have opportunities to participate on college tours and field trips around Florida and to New York City.
- The Cambridge program has a Booster Club to support the students and goals of the program
- The Cambridge program offers events such as freshman pinning ceremony, senior awards night, etc...

# How to Make a Late Application for **Cambridge** or **CAICC** at Clearwater High School

## Late Application begins April 2, 2025

### Step 1: Register for a Parent Portal User ID and Password

- If you do not already have a Parent Portal User ID and password for your family, go on <https://focus.pcsb.org/> to create an account.
- Only one User ID and password is needed per family.
- If you forgot your Parent Portal password, you can reset it. If you forgot your User ID (or the email address you used to create the account), visit a nearby public school and bring your photo ID and they will be able to reset your information.

### Step 2: Make a Late Application, beginning April 2nd

- Go to <https://focus.pcsb.org/> and click on "Link a Student to your Focus Parent Portal Account."
- Log in using your Parent Portal User ID and password, and click "Student Reservation System"
- Enter the information for the child for which you are applying.
- Choose the program to which you wish to apply.

### Step 3: Accepting an Invitation

- If the program has space available and you meet the requirements to be eligible, the school will call to offer you an invitation for the program.
- If offered an invitation, you have three (3) days to accept the invitation.
- If you don't hear from school after you have made the Late Application, please email Shannon Chmielewski at [chmielewskis@pcsb.org](mailto:chmielewskis@pcsb.org) to make sure she is aware of your child's application.

### Private School or Outside of the District Information:

If you are applying to CAICC or Cambridge at Clearwater High School and your child is currently attending private school, a school outside our district, or homeschooled, once the application is completed online, please bring/send a copy of the student's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade standardized reading and mathematics test scores as well as 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade report cards to **Shannon Chmielewski at Clearwater High School**. We need this information to qualify your child for the program. If applying for 10<sup>th</sup> grade, we need 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade report cards and standardized test scores.

### Transportation:

Pinellas County Schools provides some arterial school bus transportation for Magnet program students who live more than 2 miles from Clearwater High School. Arterial routing restricts bus operation to main roads and limits the number of stops to keep bus rides as short as practical and be farther than 1.5 miles from the students' residences. \*Note: bussing may not be available for all Magnet students.

### Shadowing and Tours:

If you wish to schedule a shadow day or tour of campus, please email Shannon Chmielewski at [chmielewskis@pcsb.org](mailto:chmielewskis@pcsb.org) with the following information:

- Program your student is interested in
- Student Name
- Current School attending
- Parent name and contact information
- Additional activities of interest to the student (sports, band, drama, chorus, ROTC, aerospace, art, etc)

*For questions about Cambridge or CAICC at Clearwater High School, please contact Shannon Chmielewski at [chmielewskis@pcsb.org](mailto:chmielewskis@pcsb.org). If you have questions about other specific programs or the application process, contact Student Assignment at 727-588-6210.*