

Delaware Valley Regional High School

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Delaware Valley Regional High School is pleased to announce that it will be holding its 2023 Academy Open House for parents and students on December 5, 2023 at 7pm in the DVRHS auditorium. We encourage any and all interested parents/guardians of 7/8th graders to attend this session to explore our academies in Computer Science, Biomedical Sciences, Engineering, Fine and Performing Arts, and International Relations. This evening will also provide parents and students the opportunity to tour the facility and meet some of the exceptional faculty members who teach in these programs. During this presentation we will also outline our Concurrent Enrollment Program which allows our students the opportunity to earn college credit in more than 30 courses offered while still attending Del Val.

This program is specific to Del Val Academy programs. Students and parents/guardians of 8th graders will also be invited to our 8th Grade Orientation Program which will be held at 6:30PM on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

While we encourage all interested families to attend our open house, the information in this packet will provide you with some answers to several initial questions that you may have, along with detailed information on each Academy and its course sequence. It is important to remember that all students will have access to these courses, even outside of the academy progression.

What makes Del Val's Academy courses rigorous and competitive?

Del Val has developed a unique two-stage admissions process into our academy programs. Students who have demonstrated high levels of achievement in middle school may apply and be admitted to the first year experience. However, in order for students to fully matriculate into the Academy of their choice, students must continue this exceptional performance under the expert guidance of the faculty in the first year program.

What are the advantages of Del Val's Academies?

Our Academies are fully integrated into the curriculum at Delaware Valley. Our faculty teach both Academy courses as well as other classes that serve the wider student population. As such, Academy faculty have the full support and cooperation of their departmental colleagues who represent a broad range of specialties. Furthermore we have "built-in" a number of courses in each Academy for students to earn College or AP credit to enhance their high school transcript, prepare them for success beyond Del Val, and create opportunities for cost savings as they matriculate into a college setting.

What specific Academy courses do we offer for either College concurrent enrollment credit or AP Credit?

Biomedical	Computer Science	Engineering	Fine & Performing Arts	Agriculture	International Studies
Human Body Systems (HBS)* AP Physics I* AP Chemistry*	AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A*	AP Calculus Honors Calc	Vox Auri* Concert Band* AP Music Theory* AP Art History* Contemporary Drama* Advanced Photography*	Environmental Science* AP Environmental Science*	Human Rights & Genocide* Environmental Science* Honors German IV* AP Spanish* AP Environmental Science* AP Economics

*** Denotes a Concurrent Enrollment course**

Small School, Big Heart

With an overall student population of 697, Delaware Valley is a place where students can build strong and lasting relationships. In the classroom, our students benefit from one of the lowest student-teacher ratios in Hunterdon County (10:1) and will have a personalized high school experience . Our students also have a number of opportunities to participate in co-curricular activities, sometimes with teammates they have grown up with in community and recreational activities. Despite our small size, however, Del Val offers an extensive number of courses.

Flexibility

Making a commitment to a career pathway in the middle of one’s 8th grade year may not be suitable for all students. As such, the academies are designed and sequenced so that students may transfer from one academy to another in their 10th grade year. Likewise, students who had no academy affiliation in 9th grade may opt in for 10th grade, providing they have fulfilled the academic requirements for admission to the program. Students may also exit the academy program altogether and pursue the traditional career and college pathways that allow students to select courses as they see fit, thereby tailoring their educational experience to their own specific needs.

For more information on the Academy programs at DVRHS, please visit our website at:

<https://www.dvrhs.org>