



ACCELERATED ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY

HOLLISTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Application and Checklist

Student First and Last Name _____

School Year _____

Grade Level

- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

Please ensure that all of the following (if applicable) are submitted with this application packet:

Copy of school records

- Academic report cards (2 years).
- Any CAASPP Testing Information
- Disciplinary records
- Attendance records

- Two completed Student Recommendation forms (from teachers and/or Administrators).

- Completed Accelerated Achievement Academy Application.

- Completed student writing sample.

Academy candidates may also be interviewed.



Thank you for your interest in attending the Accelerated Achievement Academy (AAA). AAA is a 4th- 8th grade school that embraces a rigorous academic curriculum and is recognized as one of the highest achieving schools in the state. The Accelerated Achievement Academy prepares each high achieving student for college and leadership in a rapidly evolving world. Our students develop strong critical thinking and collaboration skills, communicate well with others and contribute in our community.

The AAA Parent Club (APC) believe in and strongly supports enrichment activities like field trips, university visits and family events. After school sports are also provided for grades 6th-8th.

General Applicant Qualifications

4th and 5th grade AAA applicants should earn 3's and 4's on their standards based report cards. Middle school applicants should have an overall GPA between 3.0- 4.0. All student applicants need CAASPP scores in the "Meeting or Exceeding Standard" range and a history of excellent attendance and citizenship with minimal school discipline issues. Application to the AAA is open to all students.

Admittance to AAA is based on a review of:

- a completed application packet (personal essay, CAASPP scores, discipline and attendance records).
- completed Student Recommendation forms.
- interview results.

AAA Student Volunteering Requirements

Students in the Academy are required to complete community service hours (15 hours for grades 4th-5th and 20 hours for grades 6th-8th).

We look forward to reading your completed application packet and meeting with you.

Scott Wilbur
AAA Principal

The Accelerated Achievement Academy (AAA) Honor Code¹

The AAA Honor Code exists to:

- foster mutual trust and the interdependence of students, staff, parents and our community.
- encourage self-respect and honor our diverse community.
- promote honesty, integrity, and dignity.
- honor the Accelerated Achievement Academy's commitment to academic rigor, achievement, and excellence.

Each AAA student will:

- be honest with themselves and with others.
- practice appreciation of, and respect for, diversity within the Academy and community.
- refrain from all acts of violence and intolerance and will not accept those acts from others.
- actively encourage other students to follow rules, respect everyone's right to due process and promote the academic excellence of everyone.

I recognize that attending the Accelerated Achievement Academy is a privilege not to be taken lightly, and I must conduct myself appropriately at all times and in all situations.

My parents/ guardians and I understand that my enrollment at the Academy gives my consent to be held accountable to the AAA Honor Code.

Should I violate the Honor Code, I will meet with AAA administration to discuss the violation and that meeting can involve my parents/ guardian and consequences.

I, as a prospective student, I understand, and agree to comply fully with the Honor Code of the Accelerated Achievement Academy.

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I/we, as parent(s)/guardian(s) of this student, understand the Honor Code of the Accelerated Achievement Academy. Further, I/we also acknowledge and understand our student's obligation to conduct himself/herself under the Code.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

¹ Modified from Gilroy Early College Academy (GECA)

Candidate Essay and Statement

Compose a typed single-spaced essay (2 pages maximum length), using Times New Roman, 12 point font, with 1" margins all around that:

- Introduces yourself and provide a brief biographical background.
- Explains why you believe that the Accelerated Achievement Academy is the optimum choice for your school experience. *Be specific with your answer.*
- After carefully reading the Honor Code of our school explain what attributes you possess that will help you uphold the Honor Code. *Be specific with your answer.*
- Tells us anything else about you or your family that you would like for us to know.

Your essay will be assessed on content and conventions. Make sure that your name is typed in the upper right hand corner of the paper and attach it to your application.

Student Initials

These points are the expectations of all students participating in the Accelerated Achievement Academy (AAA).

Initial each statement indicating your *understanding and agreement*.

___ I will devote a minimum of 90 minutes each evening to homework and study.

___ I will arrive at school every day and to my class on time.

___ I will attend school every day, and, when I am absent I will make sure to have a parent or legal guardian call.

___ I will follow the AAA Honor Code.

___ I recognize that should I break any principles in the Academy Honor Code, I will be meeting with teachers or the principal.

___ I will achieve at a high academic level at AAA.

Parent Initials

Initial each statement indicating your understanding and agreement. My:

___ student/s will arrive at school every day and to all classes on time.

___ student/s will attend school every day, and when absent, parents are expected to call and notify the school that day.

___ student/s will conduct themselves, at all times, in a mature manner and in accordance with the principles of the Academy Honor Code.

___ student/s violation of the Honor Code will result in a meeting with teachers or the principal.

___ student will achieve at high academic level at the Academy.

___ family is aware of the mandatory commitment to volunteer at least 20 hours in the classroom, field trips, or other school activity. In addition, I/We may also join the APC of the Academy.

___ family affirms that my/our student/s have not been suspended or expelled from any public or private school in either California or any other state for an offense involving weapons, alcohol or drugs, and/or gang related activities.

___ family affirms that our student/s will not be involved in the commission of any willful infliction of injury to another person, and/or the commission of any act of violence against either persons and/or property while on school premises, attending any school-sponsored activity, or during transportation (public or private) to or from school or any school related activity.

Student Recommendation Packet #1

Please give this complete 3 page packet to your recommender

Thank you for taking the time to complete this Student Recommendation. Your input will help us to determine if the Accelerated Achievement Academy (AAA) is the best placement for the applicant.

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Instructions: Please fill in the evaluation on the following page. Please return these completed forms to the Accelerated Achievement Academy % Mr. Wilbur using a sealed and signed envelope for submission with the application.

Student Recommendation #1

Instructions: Please place a check in the column that best describes the student.

Recommendation for: _____ Date: _____
 (Student Name)

Student is completing Grade _____ at _____
 (Name of Current School)

Recommended by: _____ Teacher grade: _____
 (Please print name)

Academics	Outstanding (5)	Excellent (3)	Above Average (2)	Average or Below (1)
Intellectual Ability				
Study Habits				
Intellectual Curiosity				
Work Habits				
Independent				
Cooperative				
Self-Motivated				
Creative/ Original				
Personal	Outstanding (5)	Excellent (3)	Above Average (2)	Average or Below (1)
Self- Confidence				
Leadership Potential				
Accept Responsibility				
Willingness to Accept Criticism				
Respect for:				
Authority				
Self				
Peers				
Personal Integrity/ Honesty				
Overall Recommendation	Recommend <i>without</i> Reservation (10)	Strongly Recommend (7)	Recommend <i>with</i> Reservations (4)	Do <u>NOT</u> Recommend (1)

Please provide us with any other relevant information you wish to share.

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Student Recommendation #2

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Recommendation for: _____ Date: _____
 (Student Name)

Student is completing Grade _____ at _____
 (Name of Current School)

Recommended by: _____ Teacher grade: _____
 (Please print)

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