

ACE ACCOUNT

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2022-2023 COMMERCE ISD PROJECT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Commerce ISD ACE has undergone many changes and challenges in the last twelve months. We have witnessed true leadership emerge within the CISD community itself as a result of these important challenges, which has led to tremendous internal growth. CISD certified instructors and classroom paraprofessionals are participating in the ACE Program at a much higher level than we've seen in the past, and the results are impressive - especially as it pertains to academic assistance and academic expansion within the grant's required parameters. Due to strong leadership at the Central Administration level, CISD ACE has the program flexibility to individualize certain aspects of ACE services - to best serve each student, each campus, and the community as a whole.

2022-2023 is the final year in the current grant cycle, with renewal on the horizon. As such, this is an important school year for each coordinator, all ACE instructors, all ACE students, each campus, and finally, all families. In previous years, Family Engagement Events were a secondary component of ACE, but in 2022-2023 Family Engagement Events will become an equal component to the academic, social emotional, and college/career readiness objectives, as including all families in ACE activities is a focal point.

ACE is designed to service students and families while simultaneously helping campuses improve school day attendance, a decrease in behavioral referrals, and scholastic achievement at a higher level. I am excited to celebrate our multiple new clubs, activities, and academic components in CISD ACE on each CISD campus. Coordinators will be contacting families more and more. Improved communication by coordinators with parents/guardians, students, campus admins, FES, and the project director is a central feature for the school year.

ACE attendance has increased to start the school year. As such, we've made multiple adjustments on each campus and via transportation. We are looking to expand our activities even further than we did during the 2022 Spring Semester, which was a critical juncture in moving toward academic expansion via ACE.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns or ideas to share. ACE will continue to grow and expand to best serve Commerce ISD, aligning itself with school-day learning to ensure no student or family is left behind in this process. Your feedback, as instructors and/or parents/guardians, is welcomed and appreciated. In this newsletter, each reader/viewer will see the new clubs and activities that are included in the 2022-2023 program offerings.

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**WHETHER ITS SMILING
WITH YOUR BESTIE**

**OR SMILING WITH
YOUR
CHEESEBURGER**



**IT'S ALL SMILES AROUND
HERE AT CES ACE. WE HAVE
ALL BEEN LEARNING THE
IMPORTANCE OF SHARING,
TAKING TURNS, AND BEING
A GOOD FRIEND.**

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ACW

SITE COORDINATOR ANFERNEE "AJ" JOHNSON

ACE IS THE PLACE

The school year has started and the AC Williams program us back with bigger and better assistance and activities for our community. With the recent success the program has achieved in the past school year, we have worked to improve every aspect possible with the program in efforts to achieve more impactful success and impact our community more efficiently. Starting this school year, the program has seen a massive increase in assistance for Academic Enrichment, which has shown an increase in student academic comprehension. While still providing intriguing clubs from the past such as; Art, Physical Education, iGame, and Big Brother\Big Sister club. We have expanded the program to include Mini Entrepreneur and Vintage Game.



COMING SOON TO ACE

- Piano Cub
- Theater Club

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CMS

SITE COORDINATOR ANNA JORDAN

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Monday: Homework Missing Work
- Tuesday: RLA
- Wednesday: SOCIAL STUDIES
- Thursday: MATH
- Friday: SCIENCE

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Art Club: Wednesday
- Creative Writing: Wednesday\Friday
- MMA: Wednesday\Friday
- Theater: Tuesday\Thursday
- Esports: Tuesday\Thursday

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be offering Piano Lessons at the CMS ACE program! If you are interested please let me know so I can reach out to your student! There are limited spots for the fall.

We are also starting a hype club at ACE! This is going to be a club that helps with school spirit, home games, and student sections! Please reach out if your student is interested!

THIS MONTH AT ACE

We are officially a month in to school! This first month I have had the pleasure of getting to know all of our new and returning ACE students.

This year at ACE we are starting a new activity called "Team ACE!" Each Friday after we have finished our Academic Enrichment we break into our teams. There are 5 teams made up of ACE students. The activities encourage the students to work together to complete different challenges. The students have learned so far to communicate and encourage each other.

Academic Enrichment: This is an hour that we use to focus on key elements from your students school based curriculum. We use this time to fill in gaps and help students expand upon school day lessons. For example, in social studies we will be focusing on Maps, Graphs, Charts, Colonization, and Citizenship. These are key elements that students need to have a solid understanding of in order to succeed in their classes. We are always here to help with homework when students have it as well as helping them make up any work they might have missed when they are sick, however, our focus at CMS ACE is to build and expand upon school day curriculum as stated above! We will always try to make their learning engaging and fun at ACE, this means many times their lessons will be taught through activities and educational games.

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CHS

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THIS MONTH AT CHS

School is back at CHS, and we've started strong with the ACE Program. Students can come to ACE every day after school and get tutoring on any subject and help with their homework. Excited to announce that Justin Anderton, the CHS Teacher of the year in 2021, will be our lead for academic assistance after school and trained ACE staff to help achieve educational goals for every student this semester.

Last year we began our Esports team at CHS, and our attendance continues to grow daily. Mitchell Gunn is now the official Esports coach. Students have started working on the competitive games they will compete in this semester and are excited to start the competition tournament on Saturdays.

FUTURE EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Family Game Night: September 26
- Decorating Homecoming Mums

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Academic Tutoring Monday-Friday
- Esports: Monday-Friday
- Creative Design: Tuesday-Thursday
- Hour of Code: Tuesday-Thursday

TIGER VISION

The Creative Design class has been created to teach the students to express themselves creatively through t-shirt design, Cricut making, tumbler decorating, and 3D printing. ACE is now in the process of creating a fishing team at CHS for students. All information will be communicated via the ParentSquare app.

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