



Programs of Interest and Career Academies at Nease

Principal: Mrs. Gina Fonseca
Academy Coordinator: Mrs. Jaime Combs

Why join an Academy or Program of Interest?

- **74%** of Nease's students are part of an Academy or Program of Interest
- **Smaller learning communities** within a high school.
- **Unique opportunities** for students through business partners, evolving curriculum, field trips, guest speakers and hands-on learning.
- **Positive impact.** National studies show that Academies have a positive impact on student performance, including improved attendance, higher grades, improved graduation rates and higher college-bound rates.

Typical 9th Grade Schedule

Standard	Advanced
English 1	English 1 Honors
Algebra 1	Geometry, Geometry Hon or Algebra 2 Honors
Environmental Science	Biology Honors
World History	World History Honors or AP World History
HOPE	HOPE
Elective	Elective
Academy Course	Academy Course

Allen D. Nease High School

- Communications Academy
- Stellar Academy of Engineering
- Academy of Hospitality and Tourism
- Naval JROTC
- International Baccalaureate (IB)



Communications Academy

- Currently over 400 students
- Choose from:
 - Digital Design
 - Digital Design students learn graphic design principles and the Adobe Creative Suite software
 - TV Production (select News or Sports Media in the second year)
 - Produce Wired: our daily, award-winning newscast in a professional studio and control room
 - Learn ESPN-style editing techniques to cut sports highlights



Communications Academy

- Guest Speakers and Field Trips through the year
- Creative, hands-on learning. Create graphic design and video projects in class to start building a digital portfolio.
- Students can earn industry certifications in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro



Communications Academy Advisory Board



Stellar Academy of Engineering

- Currently includes over 300 students
- What makes us unique? You'll study multiple fields of Engineering in one program: Architectural, Mechanical, Civil, Manufacturing and more
- We partner with Stellar, a global design and engineering firm to provide unique opportunities and curriculum input



Stellar Academy of Engineering

- Earn a professional certification in AutoCAD, Revit, Inventor, Fusion360, and Project Management before you graduate
- Field Trips throughout the year to see engineering at the college level and in the real world, and guest speakers who work in engineering
- Hands-on, project-based learning
- **Completion of Algebra 1 before starting program is recommended, but not required**



Stellar Academy Of Engineering Advisory Board



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TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

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St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

- Nearly 200 students enrolled
- Hospitality and tourism is one of the world's most versatile career paths
- A career in hospitality can include management jobs in a bustling hotel in a big city, a tourist attraction or museum, a city's visitor bureau, a beachside timeshare resort, a bed and breakfast, a sports arena or stadium, a cruise ship, a spa, a restaurant, or golf course



St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

- The Academy focuses on computer, business management, and social media marketing skills required for a successful career in Hospitality and Tourism management.
- Run your own hotel, arena, and restaurant using computer simulation technology
- Earn industry certifications in Social Media Strategy, Servsafe Manager, Entrepreneurship and Small Business, and Project Management.
- See skills learned in class in action on field trips, then utilize them in on-the-job internships



St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Advisory Board



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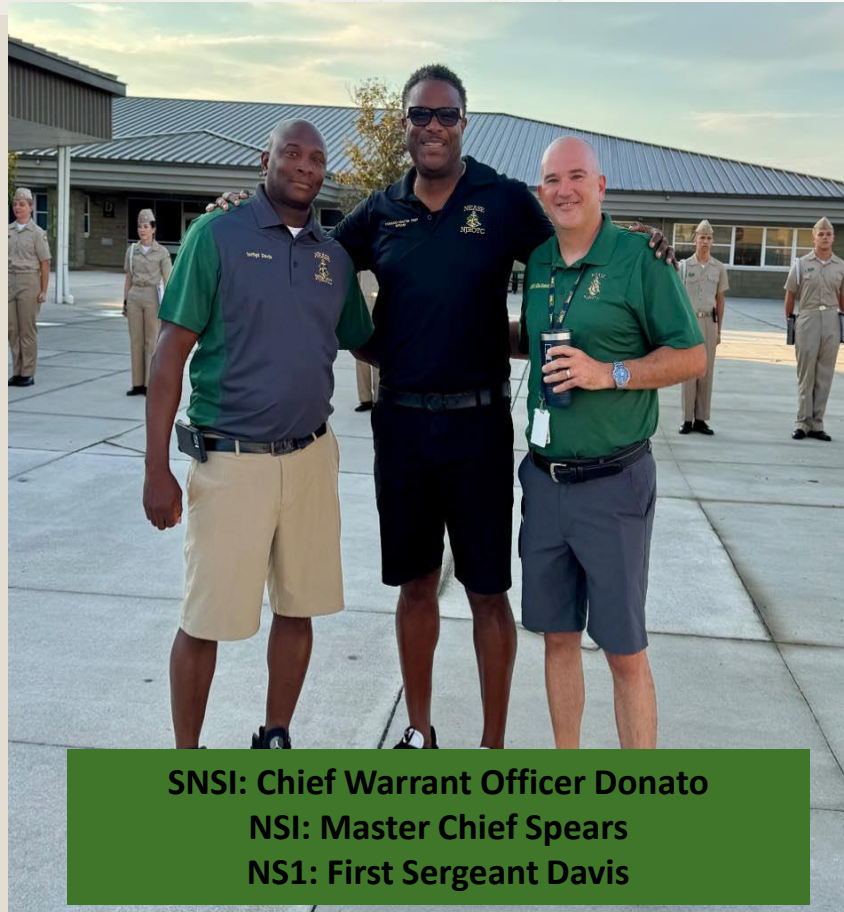


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2024 #1 Program in Northern Fl & Ga (10 Years Straight)



ATTENTION

- **NO FUTURE MILITARY COMMITMENT REQUIRED**
- JROTC students take part in Competitions & Special Events
- All NJROTC New Cadets participate in Summer Training: **August 3 - 7**



SNSI: Chief Warrant Officer Donato
NSI: Master Chief Spears
NS1: First Sergeant Davis



ZONING

- Nease-zoned students wanting to apply to JROTC cannot attend Bartram or St. Augustine for JROTC only.
- If students are zoned for Bartram or St. Augustine, they cannot attend Nease for the JROTC program only.

NEASE NJROTC



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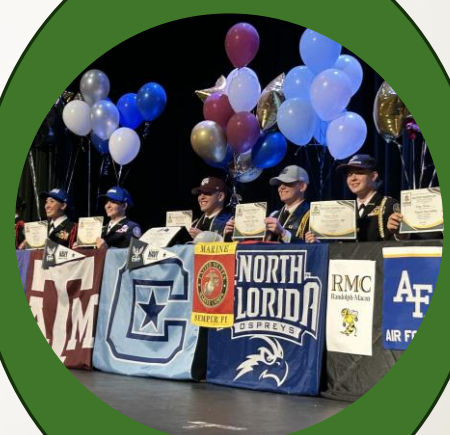
TEAMS

Academics
Athletics
Cyber Patriot
Drill
Drone
Orienteering
Marksmanship



COMMUNITY

Blue Angels
Car Show
Cadet Breakfast
Flag Football
Navy Ball
Top Golf
& MUCH More



OPPORTUNITY

Service Volunteer Hours
Earn Promotions
Earn Medals
Leadership Academy
Signing Day
Service Academy
Scholarships
ROTC Scholarships

International Baccalaureate Program

- **IB:** A 4 year program based on college-level curriculum that is recognized internationally. A well-rounded approach to higher level education.
 - 9th and 10th grade – Pre-IB to prepare for the courseload of IB
 - 11th and 12th grade – IB Diploma program
- **Pre-IB** courses are a more fast-paced, writing focused, project-focused honors course.
 - Pre-IB students will also take a series of AP courses, starting freshmen year
- IB is modeled after a well-rounded college approach to learning so students should like to learn, be motivated, be independent, and have an interest in several different subject areas.
- **Considerations:**
 - MUST complete Algebra 1 before starting 9th grade
 - Math, Reading, and Writing Scores
 - Teacher recommendations regarding behavior in class, and dedication to learning



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Mrs. Case, IB Coordinator
amy.case@stjohns.k12.fl.us

International Baccalaureate Program

Typical Schedule for 9th Grade Pre-IB

English 1- Pre-IB

AP World History

Biology 1 – Pre-IB

Geometry Honors or Algebra 2 Honors - Pre-IB

World Language – Spanish - Pre-IB

2 electives



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International Baccalaureate Program

2 electives – IB, Academy, or other 9th grade electives offered



IB Art



IB Business



IB Computer Science



IB Film



IB Music



IB Psychology

What To Consider When Applying

- Student must currently reside in St. Johns County
- Rising 9th and 10th grade students can apply to Programs of Interest/Career Academies at any school in the district
- However, students cannot apply for a Program of Interest/Career Academy at an out of zone school via HAC if a duplicate Academy is offered at the student's zoned school
 - Duplicate programs to Nease's offerings include IB, The Communications Academy, and ROTC

What To Consider When Applying

- Schools that offer IB/AICE: Beachside, St. Augustine & Pedro Menendez
- Schools that offer ROTC: St. Augustine & Bartram Trail
- School that offers The Communications Academy: Creekside

I'm Zoned For (Fill In Your School) Can I Submit An Application?

	Nease	Bartram Trail	Beachside	Creekside	Pedro Menendez	Ponte Vedra	St. Augustine	Tocoi Creek
Academy of Hospitality & Tourism	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communications: TV or Digital Design	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (Comm at CHS)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
International Baccalaureate	Yes	Yes	No (AICE at BHS)	Yes	No (IB at PMHS)	Yes	No (AICE at SAHS)	Yes
Naval JROTC	Yes	No (ROTC at Bartram)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (ROTC at SAHS)	Yes
Stellar Academy of Engineering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

What To Consider When Applying

- If you are zoned for a school that offers IB/AICE, The Communications Academy, or ROTC, but are interested in our program in addition to a unique Nease Academy/Program of Interest, you must apply to an Academy that is unique to Nease via HAC, THEN:
 - Contact Amy Case if you're interested in the IB Program
 - Contact Jaime Combs if you're interested in ROTC or The Communications Academy

What To Consider When Applying

- St. Johns County does not provide transportation to students attending out-of-zone schools

Academy Application Window Open Now Through January 26th at 5 pm

- If your student is currently in a St. Johns County Public School:
 - Log in to Home Access Center to apply using the student's username and password
 - Apply for up to three Career Academies/Programs of Interest, but you must select a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice
- IB requires additional teacher recommendations for the four core academic subjects
- Step by step directions to apply via HAC are located on www.neaseacademies.com

How do private school, home school and virtual school students apply to a Program of Interest?

- Students must CURRENTLY reside in St. Johns county to apply.
- Parents must complete the pre-registration process for the 2026-2027 school year via the St. Johns County School CTE District Website:
<https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/join/>
- Parents will fill out the Academy Application online within the pre-registration process
- **For more information, go to <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us> or call Theresa Dodd in the Career & Technical Education office at (904) 547-6000**
- The District Office will enter the student's selections into the computer system for the Academy placement lottery
- The due date for pre-registration and application to be submitted is **January 26th at 5 pm**

Acceptance into the Career Academies and JROTC is based on a computerized lottery

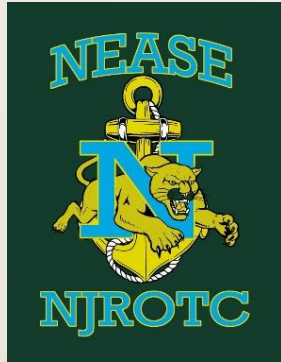
- It does not matter when you apply during the application window
- For all programs **except IB/AICE**, a student's grades are not considered
- Following the lottery, applicants will receive notification of acceptance/denial via HAC in February

DEADLINE: January 26th at 5 pm

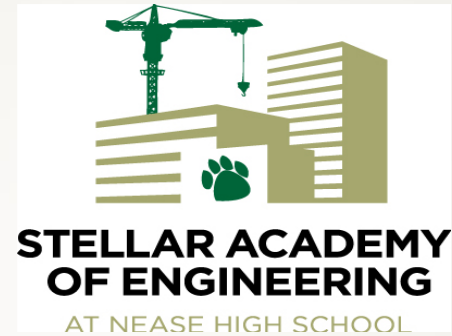
Applying to IB and an Academy

- The Career Academies and JROTC can fill up with 1st choice applicants. If a student wants to apply to a Nease Academy/JROTC **and** the IB Program, the IB Program should be listed as the 2nd or 3rd choice
- If a student is applying to an Academy/Program of Interest at a school other than Nease, and the IB program at Nease, the student should number their choices according to personal priority
- If you are zoned for St. Augustine, Pedro Menendez, or Beachside, you cannot apply to the IB program via HAC. You can apply to a unique Nease Academy/Program and then be considered for the IB program but still need to complete the teacher recommendations ahead of January 26th and notify Mrs. Case via email that your student would like to be considered.

Academy Breakout Sessions



ROTC Building



Panther Hall Upstairs
Rooms 220 & 221



Panther Hall Downstairs
Room 138



Media Center



PAC Auditorium

Second breakout session only