

# Cambridge/AICE

Questions and Answers


New Smyrna Beach High School






## What are the benefits of AICE?

Colleges look for students who take academically challenging classes, and the AICE courses at NSBHS offer students an opportunity to pursue a rigorous course of study. The AICE courses and their corresponding examinations are equivalent to first year college and university courses. Students may earn college credit for each examination they pass.



Do Cambridge AICE teachers have special credentials? How do they determine what to teach?

All of our Cambridge/AICE teachers are trained by AICE and all AICE courses strictly follow a course syllabus that is designed by Cambridge University professors.



# How do students earn an AICE Diploma?

To earn an AICE diploma, students must pass seven credits worth of AS or A Level examinations. At least one examination must come from each of the three subject groups: Mathematics & Sciences, Languages, and Arts & Humanities. Additionally, they must complete the requirements for the core AICE class – Global Perspectives.

Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level courses are one-year classes. A passed examination for an AS-Level course counts for one credit toward an AICE diploma.

Advanced (A) Level courses are two-year classes. A passed examination for an A-Level counts for two credits toward an AICE diploma.

Students can use 6 different AS-Level courses or use a mixture of AS-Level and A-Level courses in addition to Global Perspectives to meet the requirements for the AICE Diploma.

## Do students have to earn the full AICE Diploma in order to earn college credits?

No. Students receive General Certificate of Education (GCE) subject certificates for AS and A Level examinations passed. Universities award credit on a subject-by -subject basis according to grades earned on individual examinations passed. Different universities have different policies. Over 600 schools accept Cambridge certificates for college credit including all of Florida's major universities and all of the IVY league schools. Please check with the admissions department of the school you are most interested in for specific information.

# How do the Cambridge and IB Programs Compare?

Both are equally rigorous academically

Both offer well -balanced curriculum, high academic standards, practical real world applications and international perspectives

Both emphasize the development of higher order thinking, including problem solving and creativity

Cambridge emphasizes an extremely flexible curriculum that can be tailored to the abilities, interest and plans of the students .

Cambridge is widely accepted among US colleges and universities through the international admissions departments.

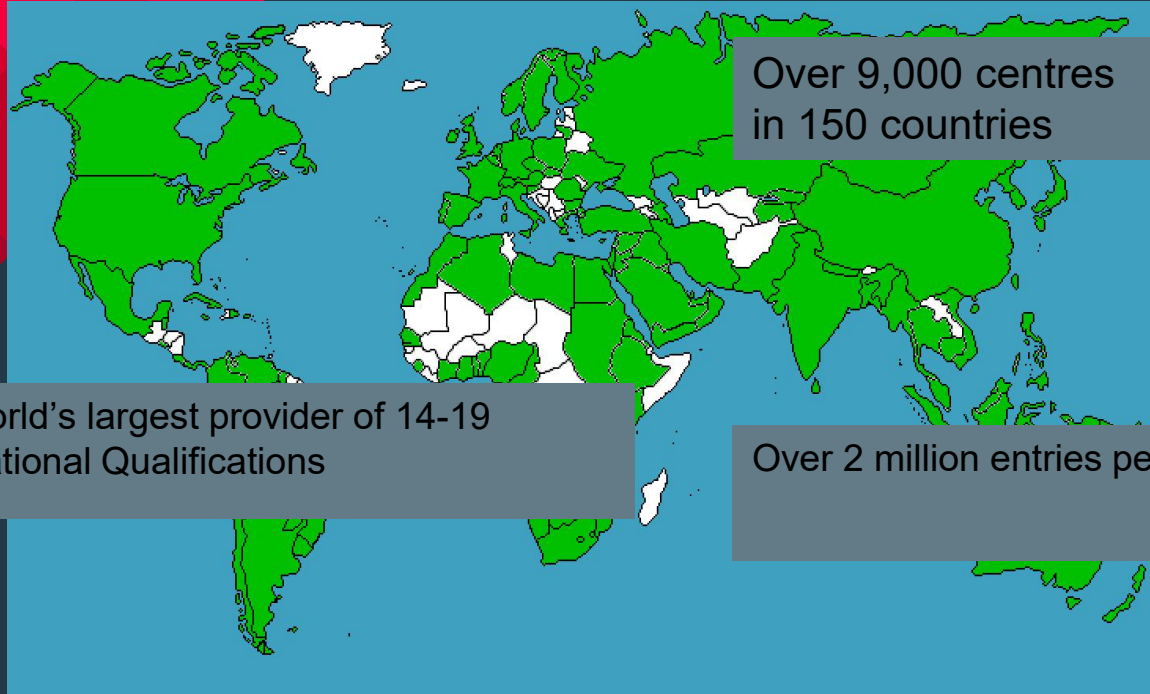
Cambridge does not have an internship class (CAS) that requires extended community service hours

Yes. CIE publishes a list on their website of U.S. universities that have provided written statements of their AICE (which includes AS and A Levels) recognition policy.

<http://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>

**Do many universities give college credits for AICE exams passed?**

# International Information about AICE



Over 9,000 centres  
in 150 countries

The world's largest provider of 14-19  
International Qualifications

Over 2 million entries per year



## Some AICE Benefits

- AICE Diploma
- PE is waived for Diploma seekers
- State of Florida Universities & Bright Futures award 1 extra quality point when students receive a “C” or better in an AICE course
- Eligible for 100% Bright Futures Scholarship
- Score of “E” or higher may earn hours of college credit or advanced standing in universities throughout the US and ALL public universities and colleges in Florida

# AICE Diploma

- **Students must pass seven AICE college level exams.**
- **One exam must be from each of three of the following subject areas:**
  - **Arts & Humanities**
  - **Mathematics & Science**
  - **Languages**
- **All students must pass Global Perspectives (CORE) class**

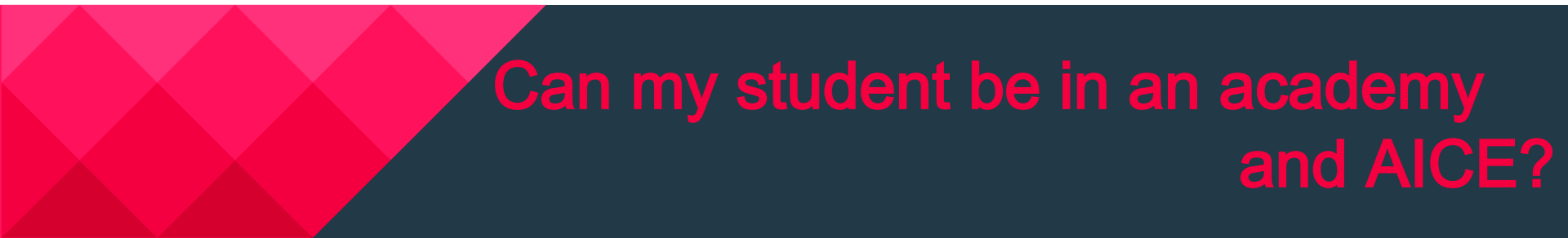


## AICE Course Offerings for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

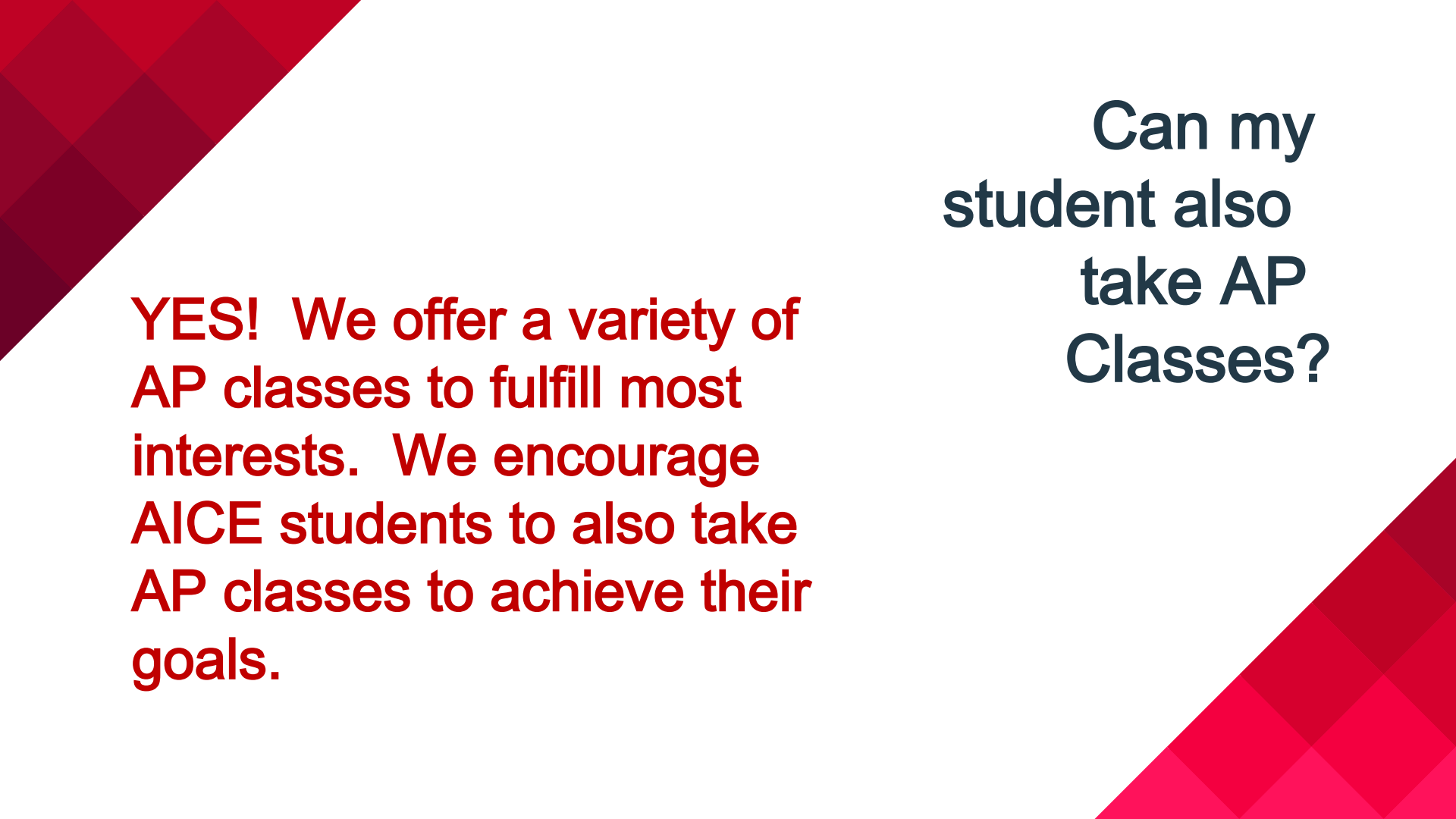
<b>Group A (Math &amp; Science)</b>	<b>Group B (Language)</b>	<b>Group C (Art &amp; Humanities)</b>
•Offerings Start in 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	- Offerings Start in 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	•English General Paper •Geography •Thinking Skills

\* Global Perspectives CORE class is offered in 10<sup>th</sup> grade

YES! It is possible for your student to be in both an Academy of their choosing and fully participate in the AICE Program



Can my student be in an academy  
and AICE?



**YES! We offer a variety of AP classes to fulfill most interests. We encourage AICE students to also take AP classes to achieve their goals.**

**Can my student also take AP Classes?**

## Should my student plan to Dual Enroll?

This is a personal decision, but there is a greater likelihood of repeating courses and scheduling problems if a student is Dual Enrolled and attempting to take AICE and AP classes. We do not recommend combining AICE with Dual Enrollment



# When are applications DUE?

Applications for out of zone students  
are due January 31, 2020

Applications for in zone applicants are  
due February 15, 2020

Who can I contact for more information?

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