



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

TRANSITION

At Cape Henry Collegiate, our transition students receive high quality instruction and the social-emotional support to become independent, self-directed learners. Our curriculum is designed to support the whole child, to encourage creativity and to foster curiosity. We believe our transition curriculum is the vitally important foundation for future learning.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CHC TRANSITION CLASSROOM?

- Small group instruction with hands-on learning activities
- Opportunities to build skills for independence
- Emphasis on teamwork, collaboration and social development
- Instruction integrated with the arts
- Integration of technology in instruction

WHAT DOES THE CHC TRANSITION CURRICULUM LOOK LIKE?

The curriculum encourages a balance between academic and self-directed learning skills. Across subject areas, students gain the confidence to work independently, or in small groups with limited teacher involvement and solve problems with peer support. In math, students build on early number sense skills developed in kindergarten. In language arts, they build their reading and comprehension skills through guided reading groups. In science, students pose questions, look for answers and explore the natural world around them. Carefully designed, cross-curricular activities in Spanish, art, physical education, music, guidance and library classes support academic and social development.

WHAT KEY SKILLS/CONCEPTS DO CHC TRANSITION CLASSROOMS INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS?

Math: Singapore Math, Dimensions Math

- Create and use number bonds to problem solve
- Add and subtract through 20
- Work with numbers to 100
- Tell time, use money, analyze shapes

Language Arts: Wilson Foundations and Writer's Workshop

- Use consonant and vowel patterns to decode
- Build comprehension and fluency skills
- Participate in small group reading centers
- Publish narratives, persuasive essays and expository texts with various digital tools
- Phonics-based

Science:

- Explore ocean life
- Learn about the human heart, brain, muscles and bones
- Learn how to practice proper nutrition and hygiene
- Design experiments and engineer solutions

Social/Global Studies: Australia

- Study the geography of Australia
- Research indigenous populations in North America and Australia
- Create artwork from various ingenious cultures
- Practice early indigenous methods of craftsmanship