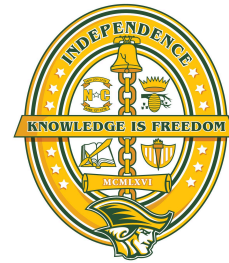


Cambridge Program Information

<https://bit.ly/Info-Cambridge>



What is the Cambridge Program?

The Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) is an international diploma program offered through Cambridge University in England. Cambridge is a flexible program in which students can tailor their educational experience to their interests and strengths. Students can earn college credits for qualifying scores on Cambridge exams, and students who successfully complete seven courses will earn the AICE Diploma. This program is internationally recognized for its merit in preparing students for postsecondary success.

Learner Attributes

Cambridge curriculum and assessments are designed with five Learner Attributes in mind:

Confident in working with information and ideas, their own and those of others

Responsible for themselves and responsible to and respectful of others

Reflective as learners, developing their ability to learn

Innovative and equipped for new and future challenges

Engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference

Structure

Cambridge uses the structure of the British education system, so the structure and terminology are unfamiliar. Essentially, there are two levels of courses that CMS uses: IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) and AICE (Advanced International Certificate).

IGCSE Courses are honors-level courses, usually taken in the 9th-11th grades, that prepare students for the AICE diploma track.

IGCSE courses offered in CMS

English I English II NC Math I NC Math II NC Math III	Biology Chemistry Spanish I Spanish II Spanish III	French I French II French III
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AICE Diploma/AICE Courses are college-level courses and a qualifying exam score can be used for college credit. AICE courses are designated as either “AS level” or “A level.” AS level courses are one year, and A level courses are two years. The AICE diploma is awarded to students who achieve a minimum of seven credits in AICE (AS or A level) courses. Students start taking these courses in 10th grade and they must take one from each of groups 1-4.

1.Math and Science	2.Languages	3.Arts & Humanities	4.Global Perspectives	5.Interdisciplinary Studies
Mathematics AS Mathematics A Environmental Management AS* Biology AS Psychology AS* Psychology A*	English Language AS Spanish Language AS French Language AS	English Literature AS Sociology AS Art & Design AS Psychology AS* Psychology A* Environmental Management AS*	Global Perspectives AS (only diploma candidates take this course)	English General Paper AS Thinking Skills AS

*These courses can count in either Group 1 or Group 3, but not both

College Credit Policies

Cambridge qualifications are accepted at universities all over the world, including all eight Ivy League schools. The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina System adopted the Cambridge AICE credit acceptance policy in November 2019. Under this policy, students who earn a score of “C” or higher on their Cambridge exams will receive credit from all 16 universities in the system. A score of “C” is equivalent to a “B” in the US system.

Schools that Independence students commonly attend that accept Cambridge qualifications

All public NC universities All public SC universities Duke Clemson	Davidson Wake Forest North Carolina A&T Queens	Wingate Winthrop Elon Johnson & Wales Central Piedmont CC
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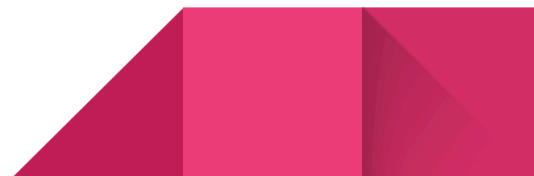
How Would This Impact Existing Programs?

All existing programs would continue, including AOE, CTE, and AP. Students can earn a Cambridge diploma (or take IGCSE, AS, or A level courses of their choosing) while participating in other programs. Some AP courses may transition to a comparable AS/A course.

Wherever there is an IGCSE course option, it would serve as the honors level course. Example: we would offer English I and IGCSE English I. The IGCSE course would be the honors level course for all students, regardless if they intend to take AS/A courses in the future.

Would Cambridge Students Be Cohorted?

Because all Independence students are eligible to take Cambridge courses, students would not be cohorted. Students who intend to earn the AICE Diploma would naturally have several classes in common.



Rollout

We would begin to offer some IGCSE courses next fall, as well as English General Paper AS (recommended before taking content-area AS/A courses). 9th and 10th grade students would be eligible to earn the AICE diploma starting next year. We would continue to increase Cambridge courses in subsequent years.

Benefits for Independence Students

- Help us achieve the goals of our School Improvement Plan
 - Increase endorsements, improved performance for subgroups, increased self-efficacy for students
- Result in Independence being a fully comprehensive high school
 - Cambridge, AOE, CTE, AVID, arts programs, EC, ML
- Provide a programming choice for students and families who are currently choosing an alternative high school
- Offer true academic rigor for honors-level students
- Foster the development of global competency
- Strengthen our relationship to the community

Resources and Links

- [Community Survey](#)-- Please complete this survey and encourage others to complete it.
- [Cambridge Programs and Pathway](#)
- [Cambridge Facts and Figures](#)
- [Guide to Cambridge Courses and US Higher Education](#)
- [Example credits: UNCC](#)
- [University and College Search](#)
- [Cambridge at CMS](#)

This information represents only a proposal of how the Cambridge Program would be implemented at Independence. Independence has not been approved by Cambridge or CMS to be a Cambridge school.

