# Class of 2026 Application Packet

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# Dear Parents of 8th Grade Students:

The Academy for Science & Health Professions at Conroe High School provides unique career exploration experiences coupled with technology-rich and academically challenging science, math, and health science courses of study. With a current enrollment of 400 students,

the Academy begins the recruitment of its next freshman class, the Class of 2026. While the Academy program may not be right for every student, it does provide a variety of unique learning and investigative career experiences within a small, close-knit environment. Annually, students apply what they have learned in coursework to research avenues. Academy program requirements ensure a level of rigor that major colleges and scholarship programs encourage and enlist.

<b>Application Checklist</b>	Yes	No
Application Form completed		
Student Letter written & submitted		
Parent Letter written & submitted		
Recent School photo of applicant		
Résumé		
Teacher recommendations		
Met Deadline: Friday, November 12, 2021	. 🗆	

Extensive opportunities for specialization in math, science, and applied sciences, such as medicine, biochemistry, robotics, and computer science encourage each student to explore and apply their intellectual talents through individual research and internship thereby promoting an enriched learning environment for students and a high school profile second to none. This application packet contains important information for every 8th grade student and their parents to review, and possibly, complete. Should you decide this program is right for your student's future educational goals and aspirations, apply now. Completed applications are due November 12, 2021 by 4 p.m. in the Academy office on the Conroe HS campus. If you are seeking a learning environment that supports academic work towards a career in science, health science, math, engineering, or law, or simply seek a specialized small school environment in conjunction with a variety of extracurricular activities, the Academy may be the program for you. I hope you and your student will seriously consider applying to our program. I look forward to meeting you during upcoming evening Parent Information Nights. Please contact the Academy office with any additional questions you might have.

Mr. William Kelly, Headmaster

# **Application Process—Class of 2026**

## **Eligibility:**

All students who will be in the 9th grade at Conroe HS or Caney Creek HS in August 2022 are eligible to apply for the Academy Class of 2026. All students are provided equal opportunity to enter the Academy. There is no additional cost for the Academy.

## **Qualifications for consideration:**

An overall 80 average in junior high with an 85 average in science and math courses will be required. Any entering Academy student must have completed Algebra I with an average of 85 for the course prior to the new school year; summer acceleration for Algebra I is available at cost if selected to ASHP program. All applicants must take an entry PSAT 8/9 assessment (given to all 8th graders in CISD).

- In a few instances, an applicant who may fall slightly below these qualifications may still apply and seek probationary/provisional entrance into the Academy for a preset timeframe. After which time, recommendations will be made by the Headmaster for full status or dismissal from the Academy.
- Private school/home school applicants may be asked to provide test data as part of the entry criteria.

The Conroe Independent School District (District) as an equal opportunity educational provider and employer does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in educational programs or activities that it operates or in employment matters. The District is required by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as Board policy not to discriminate in such a manner.

For information about Title IX rights or Section 504/ADA rights, contact the Title IX Coordinator or the Section 504/ADA coordinator at 2205 W. Davis, Conroe, TX 77304; (936) 709-7752.

# **Academy for Science and Health Professions - ASHP**

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Student name					
Course(s) taught to student					
Teacher name School	— — —— bl				
Motivation and Task Commitment	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent Top 10%	One of the few in my career
1. Shows interest in science, math, technology, health professions					
2. Participates in science fair, DI, and/or other competitions or participates in other activities that show motivation/commitment					
3. Produces what is promised or required					
4. Accepts challenges					
5. Attacks problems creatively					
Interpersonal Skills					
1. Understands viewpoints other than his/her own					
2. Accepts leadership roles					
3. Accepts follower roles					
4. Promotes cooperative behavior among peers					
5. Stays on task, pays attention, participates during class					
Personal Characteristics					
1. Asks insightful questions					
2. Seeks help when necessary					
3. Shows pride in his/her work					
4. Shows respect for other people					
5. Manages time well (not a perfectionist or procrastinator)					
Summary					
1. Overall academic potential					
2. Overall character & personal promise					

# **Application Timeline & Application Elements**

# **Application folder**

Due on or before: Friday, November 12, 2021

4 p.m. in the Academy office/CHS Main Campus

- Application form [see adjacent page]
- · Recent school picture
- Student letter
- Why he/she wants to attend the Academy
- Special qualities the student will bring to the Academy
- Examples of activities, such as projects, awards and other things that show interest, motivation, and commitment in math, science, healthcare, leadership, & technology

#### Parent letter

- · Why the students should be selected
- · How the Academy will benefit the student
- The willingness to provide support for the student's involvement in the Academy program
- The commitment to reinforce the Academy program in the home
- Interest in participation in Academy parent activities
- Ways in which the parent's involvement will be beneficial to advancing the Academy mission & goals

### Two Teacher Evaluations (Math and Science preferred)

 Ask teachers to complete the form (shown on the page to the left) or download a copy of the form from ashp.conroeisd.net.

## Student Résumé

- Include all 7th and 8th grade academic courses
- Extracurricular activities (in and out of school)
- Leadership positions (in and out of school)
- Awards (in and out of school)
- Work experience
- Community service activities (in and out of school)

# **PSAT Assessment**

- Applicants will be required to complete a standardized 8th grade PSAT 8/9 assessment. (All CISD 8th graders take this exam.)
- Private school students must complete the PSAT 8/9 if other standardized scores are not available.
- Student score results will be returned to parents

# **Applicant Interview**

Dates: January 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11, 2022 Monday - Friday • 4:30 p.m. Saturday • 8 a.m.

- Interviews will be held at Conroe HS Library
- At least one parent MUST be present; both are welcomed
- The interview will elaborate on information in application letters and will measure the poise, communicative skills, and motivation/commitment of the student as well as the support of the parent/guardian(s) for the student and Academy program.

**Note:** Depending on the number of applicants, preliminary mathematical proficiency screening may be necessary to select students for the interview phase. Generally, every effort will be made to provide an interview to each and every applicant.

# **Discipline and Attendance Assessment**

 Information as to each applicant's discipline, behavior, attendance, demeanor, interest, motivation, and level of participation will be examined.

# **Notification of Status**

Dates: February 14, 2022

 All applicants/applicant parents will be notified of their selection status in writing..

## Invitations Returned to ASHP

Dates: March 11, 2022

 Applicant acceptance or declination decisions must be returned in writing to the Academy Office by the designated date. Failure to submit all forms will act as a declination of the invitation issued.

# **Request for Reconsideration**

Dates: March 14, 2022

 A written request for reconsideration of a non-selection decision must be received at ASHP by the designated date. The request must include a detailed explanation of why reconsideration is justified and evidence supporting the request.

## **Reconsideration Decision**

 Reconsideration will be completed within 7 business days. The original decision may be affirmed or reversed. If reversed, the student may be selected or placed on the alternate/wait list.



**Directions:** This application is for current 8th grade students. Please print or type the information requested below. We need accurate phone numbers with area codes. If there are questions, please call the Academy office at (936) 709-5731 or (936) 709-5795, or email the Academy office at ehmarin@conroeisd.net.

**Note:** An email account is needed. Should you currently not have an email account, please acquire one at Yahoo.com, Gmail.com, or Hotmail.com.

Student Information -					
Student name		Student ID #			
Address		City	Zip		
Date of birth	Student email address				
Junior high presently attending _					
High School attendance zone:	☐ Conroe HS ☐ Caney Creek HS ☐ Private/Parochial in CHS/CCHS attendance zone ☐ Will be seeking transfer into CHS ☐ Will be moving into CHS/CCHS attendance zone				
Parent/Guardian Info	ormation				
Name		Name			
Relationship to student		Relationship to student			
Work phone: ()		Work phone: ()			
Home phone: ()		Home phone: ()			
Cell phone: ()		Cell phone: ()			
Email home:		Email home:			
Email work:		Email work			
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Monday, January 10, 2022,	beginning at 4:30 p.m.		ademy f.		
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# **Application submission deadline:**

This application must be received by Friday, November 12, 2021 in the ASHP office on the CHS campus by 4 p.m. Applications received after this date will be considered only on a space-available basis in July.