

# Aurora LIGHTS Partnership

A \$3.9 million Aurora LIGHTS grant is shining the light on health sciences and creating a pathway that leads students into health care professions. This partnership includes APS, the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus, Community College of Aurora, Metro Community Provider Network, the Colorado Area Health Education Center System, and the Central Colorado Area Health Education Center.

The Aurora LIGHTS partnership supports APS in providing unique learning opportunities from kindergarten through college. Eight APS schools participate in the partnership, including three elementary schools, one middle school, three high schools, and Pickens Technical College.

APS students may continue on to careers in the health sciences by pursuing studies at the Community College of Aurora, the University of Colorado Denver, and at professional schools on the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus.

To learn more about Aurora LIGHTS, visit [www.aps.k12.co.us/community/aurora\\_lights.htm](http://www.aps.k12.co.us/community/aurora_lights.htm)

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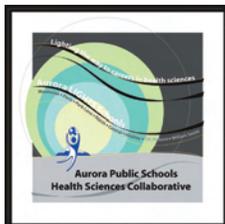
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# Hinkley Academy of Health Sciences and Technology

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## About the Program

The Hinkley Academy of Health Sciences & Technology is an academically challenging program for students in grades 9-12. This unique program is focused on preparing students for college and careers in medicine and health sciences.

The Academy is part of the Aurora LIGHTS program, supported by a federal grant and a partnership with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Community College of Aurora, and other local health care and education providers.

Students enroll in health sciences classes for four years as well as rigorous academic courses (honors and AP) in science, math, English, social studies and foreign language. Academy students may also apply for the International Baccalaureate Programme at Hinkley, which shares a similar academic philosophy and requirements.

The Academy offers students a variety of field experiences, community service, a Saturday Academy and Summer Institute, and internship opportunities. Students receive ongoing academic support and college-preparatory counseling on college financial aid and scholarship opportunities.



*"I'm glad that I was able to participate in the Academy. I really believe that by being in this program, I'm on the right path to working in the medical field. I hope some day I can come back as a doctor and visit the kids in the program."*

*- Isabella Lopez, Hinkley Academy student*

# Academy Application Process

## Who is eligible for admission?

The Academy selection committee looks at several criteria for admission, including the following:

- Level of academic motivation and accomplishment
- Goals and interests expressed in a personal essay
- Teacher recommendations
- Grade point average & standardized test scores
- Previous academic coursework
- Community involvement & parental support
- Attendance
- Behavior

## What does the program look like?

- Students in grades 9-12 enroll in Health Sciences classes I-IV.
- In addition to health sciences courses, students enroll in rigorous academic classes (honors and AP) in science, math, English, social studies and foreign language.
- Students may also apply for the International Baccalaureate Programme.
- Field experiences, community service, weekend and summer academies and institutes, and exposure to career opportunities enhance the academic program.
- Students receive ongoing academic support and college-preparatory counseling along with dual credit (high school as well as college credit for Health Sciences II).

## What are the extracurricular activities?

Students will be expected to:

- Complete community service hours (e.g. tutor at a nearby elementary or middle school, assist with translating at parent teacher conferences).
- Participate in the Saturday Academy (9th grade).
- Compete for the Summer Institute (10th and 11th grades).
- Pursue internships scheduled either during the summer after 11th grade or during the 12th grade school year.

## How do I apply for admission?

Applications are available at Hinkley High School and online at:

<http://hahst.wikispaces.com/HAHST=Appication+Process>.

## What are the next steps after I submit my application materials?

- You will receive an invitation for an interview about two to three weeks after you have submitted your application.
- If your interview is successful, you will receive a letter of acceptance about three to four weeks after the interview.
- You and your parents should plan to attend an Academy meeting to celebrate your acceptance and learn more about the program.