



## ITEC ENROLLMENT IS NOW IN PROGRESS

STUDENTS ALREADY RECEIVED THE APPLICATION FORM IN THEIR CLASS ON March 9,2017

Rising 9th grade students at CMIT-South are invited to participate in the Information Technology Early College, which is more commonly known as ITEC. ITEC is a four-year dual enrollment program that provides students a strong course of study in information technology and exposure to a range of additional academic and career opportunities. Course work is rigorous and requires a certain amount of sacrifice. However, the rewards for dedicated students are great including weighted GPAs and the awarding of an associate degree upon high school graduation.

This is the only opportunity for enrollment in this unique program, and **application deadlines are firm**. If interested, please complete and return your application to the front office by **3:00pm, Monday March 13**. For more information, contact Mr. Taner at tbudiyar@cmitsouth.org or visit the ITEC website at https://sites.google.com/a/cmitacademy.org/itec/

## ACCUPLACER Test Date:

TBD(Likely end of the March)

Benefits: Improved College success Associate degree upon High School Graduation

Strong Work-Ethic and Interst in IT is REQUIRED







**Requisite Accuplacer Score** - In order to be considered for the program, 8th grade students must receive a score of at least 79 on the Reading Comprehension section of the application. This is the first qualifier. It does NOT guarantee a seat in the program.

**Two Strong Letters of Recommendation (one MUST be from current technology instructor)** - Your letters of recommendation will assess your readiness to succeed in a college classroom. The stronger your scores, the better your chances of earning a seat in the program.

**Panel Interview** - Applicants must meet with a team of professionals affiliated with the ITEC program to discuss their qualifications, level of interest, and other topics relevant to successful completion of the program.

## Who is eligible to participate in the ITEC program?

Enrollment is limited to rising CMIT 9th grade students who have achieved the required Accuplacer score and met other selection criteria.

## How do students apply?

CMIT students are eligible to apply toward the end of their 8th grade year.

Is there a limit to the number of students that can enroll each year? Yes. Enrollment is capped at 22 students per cohort in order to optimize the learning experience for students.

*Can students enter the program after the ninth grade?* No. However, students not enrolled in the ITEC program who wish to earn college credit are encouraged to consider taking AP courses offered at CMIT.

What if students would like to earn college credit but are not interested in information technology? If this is the case, the ITEC program is not a good fit. This program is rigorous and immerses students heavily in the study of information technology. Students with no interest in information technology should consider earning college credit through AP courses or PGCPS's dual enrollment program.

Is participation in the program limited to the PGCPS school year? No. Students are expected to attend Summer Bridge programs and take summer courses as needed.

*Does participation in ITEC limit student's participation in CMIT activities?* It can. With the exception of state-and county-mandated testing, ITEC activities generally take precedent over CMIT activities. On occasion, there will be assemblies and field trips that ITEC students are unable to attend because of ITEC courses. Conversely, there will occasionally be ITEC activities and field trips that are exclusive to students participating in the program.



While the ITEC program is an attractive option for any student aspiring to obtain a college degree, how can we be sure the program is a good fit for you? Ask yourself the following questions:

Do you have an interest in information technology? As the name suggests, the Information Technology Early College program is HIGHLY focused on IT. On occasion, students will take courses outside of this content area to meet the degree requirements. However, as students progress through the program, IT courses become more frequent and more demanding and a greater challenge for students with only a slight interest in the field.

Do you take responsibility for your education? Students participating in the ITEC program are often treated as college students by their professors. In this scenario, it is the student's responsibility to pursue his or her education. Among other things, this means arriving to class on time and prepared, getting help when it is needed and before it is too late, submitting assignments completely and on time, and being accountable for using scholarly behavior in the classroom. If you are demonstrating these skills consistently in your current classes, that's great! However, if you are still developing these skills, the ITEC program may not be a good fit for you.

Are you a Good Fit?