



## ACADEMIC CHALLENGE PROGRAM



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### **7<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to apply to enter the Academic Challenge Program at Delaware Technical and Community College**

#### **Program Description:**

- The Academic Challenge Program is a five-year program of accelerated instruction in English and/or mathematics beginning in eighth grade
- Level 1-3 (8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade) students complete the high school curriculum
- Level 4 & 5 (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade) students take DTCC college courses in English and math
- Students can earn a total of 12 English and/ or 15 mathematics credits, transferrable to most colleges and universities
- Students in Levels 1-3 are bused by the home school to DTCC on Tuesdays to take their classes
- Students in Levels 4 & 5 take college courses whenever they are scheduled (students choose morning, afternoon, or evening, depending on offerings) and provide their own transportation to DTCC

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Student eligibility is determined by a formula combining an average of the student's first three marking period grades from 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the subject area, 6<sup>th</sup> grade subject area Smarter Balanced test scores, an Evaluation of Student Skills by teachers in the subject area, and SAT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 scores in the subject area. The SAT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 are not required but can be used by students to earn additional points towards qualification
- Students must earn a combined minimum of 50 total points from grade average, Smarter Balanced test scores, teacher recommendations, and SAT/PSAT/PSAT 8/9 scores to qualify

#### **2018-2019 Selection Process:**

- The Selection Process will take place February-April 2019. Information on the Selection Process will be sent home by the counselor at the beginning of February, and students will be notified of qualification in April.
- Students will be notified by the counselor in the Fall of 2018 about opportunities to take the PSAT 8/9 during the 2018-2019 school year.

***Please contact Liza Dolan with any questions regarding the Academic Challenge Program***

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