



### How do I apply?

1. Visit CCPS' Specialty Center information for instructions on how to apply:  
<https://mychesterfieldschools.com/schools/specialty-centers/>
2. Request two recommendations – one from a middle school **English or social studies teacher**; another from a middle school teacher of your choice.
3. Complete the "Statement of Interest," and adhere to the deadlines provided on CCPS Specialty Center page.
4. In January, we will provide information on scheduling your interview that will occur in February.

### What if I don't live in the James River school district?

You may apply to any of the specialty centers as long as you will be living in Chesterfield County by the first day of school.

### What about transportation?

Transportation will be provided. Please check the CCPS Transportation website for additional information.

Once accepted, you must notify the Transportation Office so they can plan accordingly.

### What classes will I take with other Leadership Center students next year?

In 9<sup>th</sup> grade you will take:

1. Leadership English 9
2. Leadership AP Human Geography
3. Leadership & International Relations Perspectives (elective)

The rest of your classes will be scheduled with students from the general population.

### If I take *Leadership & International Relations Perspectives* as my elective in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, what can I do if I want to take another elective such as band, keyboarding, art, or chorus?

There are options available. The most popular is taking PE in summer school or online. Taking this option will allow for another elective in your schedule. We don't want to lose you solely because you feel that taking this elective will be impossible. Once you have applied, please talk to a school counselor or the Center Director to discuss further options.

### Are there any special requirements for me as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader once I get into the program?

You will be required to complete a minimum of 30 community service hours and 4 Leadership Enrichment Activities each year. Students are welcome to get ahead of their service hours during the summer!