

High School through Inspire Charter School

Usually in high school, charter schools have to be stricter and more narrowly defined because of college admissions later. Inspire Charter School is trying to make it as easy as possible logistically for students to obtain a WASC-accredited diploma while still fulfilling all the A-G requirements and partnering with Learn Beyond The Book in that process.

Here are some more details about the high school program at Inspire as it pertains to the partnership with Learn Beyond The Book:

1. Students need to complete at least 4 high school classes per year to be considered full-time. Students can also do some courses during the summer months.
2. Students can use Apex (or for honors classes K12) as their online high school curriculum.
3. Students can take an unlimited amount of credits at a local community college in addition to Apex courses (see no.4) to work towards early high school graduation. The college courses are in addition to the 4 classes per year minimum that Inspire requires students to be enrolled in through Apex to be a full-time high school student. Although Inspire doesn't limit their number of credits at community colleges, the college will treat them as full-time students once they take 12 credits or more. That will mean that the classes won't be tuition-free anymore, even though the student is still in high school. College transcripts serve as proof of student's passing of the class and grades. No samples will be collected for college classes by the student's Inspire teacher.
4. Before taking a college course for high school credit, one of the high school counselors at Inspire should be consulted to make sure the course counts for the correct type of credits, for example a student might be taking a certain Science class, but because it doesn't have the correct lab, it can't count for the high school class with a lab and then a student has to take more classes than necessary to get their requirements met. High school counselors will work with students to create a custom education plan for high school once the student is enrolled in Inspire.
5. Students can take some courses prescriptively, which means they can test out of a course completely or partially if they already believe they know the material. If they do this and don't pass all the parts of the course, they can just review and repeat the portions of the course that they still need to learn to pass.
6. If a student takes a high school level class at Learn Beyond The Book's partnership specialty program, while enrolled in Inspire, they can take several courses that will be lined up with the Apex online system to ensure student's success. The following courses are currently being planned to line up with the Apex system and will be able to be taken concurrently online and at LBB by testing out of the unit tests as the class progresses or at the end of the semester:

- Introductory Algebra (material covered in Pre-Algebra class)
 - Algebra 1
 - Geometry
 - Algebra 2
 - Pre-Calculus
 - Physics
 - Earth Science (material covered in Geology class in Fall and other Earth Science in the Spring)
 - Mathematics of Personal Finance (material covered in Where's The Money? class)
 - Financial Literacy (material covered in Where's the Money? class)
 - More classes will be added to this list as time goes on.
7. The following courses at LBB can be used to earn credit with Inspire because they are being taught by single-subject credentialed teachers that will be an Inspire part-time teacher or by working with one of the Inspire full-time teachers:
 - 3D Modeling with Maya, Unity & C# Programming
 - Art Appreciation & History with Creative Writing & Art Projects
 - More classes will be added to this list as time goes on so check back frequently
 8. High School Science courses with labs done through APEX will have labs completed by attending 2 lab times per semester, exact time to be determined.
 9. High school credentialed teachers are available all week for students' questions via phone and online as well.
 10. All high school students are invited to participate in any other LBB events, field trips, teen game nights or teen series.