

Space Coast Jr. Sr. High School

8th Grade Application

Viper Accelerated Program

2024-2025

Parent Instruction Page

It is with great pleasure that our school is offering the Viper Accelerated Program. It will be open on a space-available basis to rising 8th graders who meet the criteria. Our middle school core teachers will teach Pre- AP academic core classes to prepare these students for our high school Advanced Placement courses and nationally recognized Capstone Diploma. This program will assist those students who are committed to securing a pathway to the university level courses in high school.

The following pages are to be completed by the applicant, parent(s) and teachers. The items are to be forwarded along to the VAP lead teacher, Kimberly Petronella. The application packet must be submitted in its entirety by Friday, March 14, 2024.

The COMPLETED paperwork and documentation should be enclosed in a large envelope and be returned to: Space Coast JSHS 6150 Banyan St. Cocoa, FL32927 Attn. Kimberly Petronella/Devyn Hanson.

Students applying should have:

- At least a level 3 in both reading and math FAST assessments.
- Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA or “B” average.
- Students must be entering Algebra I Honors or Geometry Honors as an 8th grader.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS March 14, 2024.

All items must be turned in by the deadline for the application to be considered on time. Applications received or completed after the deadline will be considered as space allows.

The application will be considered complete when the following items are returned to SCJSHS:

1. Student Application Page
2. Copy of most recent 7th grade report card.
3. The three teacher recommendations sealed in envelopes and signed across the sealed flap by the person completing it.
7th grade teacher recommendations required from:
 - Current math teacher
 - Current language arts teacher
 - Current science or social studies teacher
4. A hand-written paragraph explaining how the student will bring value to VAP

**SCJSHS 2024-2025
Student Application Page**

Please Type or Print:

NAME: _____
Last First Middle Nickname

ADDRESS: _____
Street City Zip code

TELEPHONE: _____
Home Work (Mother/Guardian) Work (Father/Guardian)

Has student ever attended a Brevard County Public School? ___ YES ___ NO
School currently attending: _____

Parent names (please print) Father (guardian) _____
Mother (guardian) _____

Attached are the required recommendation forms. Please distribute the forms to the appropriate school personnel :

- Current math teacher (required)
- Current language arts teacher (required)
- Current science or social studies teacher (required)

The completed paperwork is to be returned to Mrs. Kimberly Petronella
c/o Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School 6150 Banyan Street Cocoa, FL 32927

All items must be turned in by the deadline for the application to be considered on time.
Applications received or completed after the deadline will be considered as space allows.

Incomplete applications cannot be evaluated. Your application will be considered complete when it contains the following information:

1. Student Application
2. Most recent 7th grade report card
3. Three (3) completed recommendation forms sealed in signed envelopes.
4. A hand-written paragraph explaining how the student will bring value to VAP

DEADLINE is March 14, 2024 for all items.

I understand the application requirements for this program and give my consent for my child to seek acceptance into the Viper Accelerated Program.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

SCJSHS CONFIDENTIAL MATH TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

THIS MUST BE SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE ACROSS THE ENVELOPE FLAP TO VERIFY AND ASSURE CONFIDENTIALITY! **Deadline March 14, 2024**

The Viper Accelerated Program is a gifted/high achieving program with a highly rigorous plan of study. We appreciate your candid evaluation of this student. All recommendations are kept strictly confidential. This completed form should be returned to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the envelope flap.

STUDENT NAME: _____
 TEACHER: _____
 SUBJECT: _____

Please use the following rating scale when completing the descriptors for this student:

- 5 = Exhibits this trait to an exceptional degree
- 4 = Exhibits this trait consistently
- 3 = Exhibits this trait frequently
- 2 = exhibits this trait occasionally
- 1 = Exhibits this trait rarely
- 0 = Not observed

Class Level:
 ___ Average
 ___ Advanced

Skills	5	4	3	2	1	0
Demonstrates strong skills in this subject area						
Works well in group settings, is a team player						
Demonstrates attention to details						
Learns quickly with good retention/does well on tests						
Highly motivated with a positive attitude about learning						
Rarely absent and always punctual						
Is consistent in completing assignments/class work/homework						
Overall has a good work ethic						
Character/Behavior						
A Self-Starter/ Prepared for class						
Shows responsibility/dependability/honesty						
Physically respect; personal space; not verbally aggressive to others						
Demonstrates acceptable classroom behavior conducive to learning/ Expresses opinions in a polite manner. Respectful of others.						

___ Strongly Recommended
 ___ Recommended with
 Reservations*
 *Please comment on the reverse
 side of this sheet.

___ Recommend
 ___ Do not
 Recommend

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___ Yes ___ No

Please include ALL other information relevant to the student's potential success or failure in the program (discipline, attendance, etc.). Any additional information is appreciated and may be continued on the reverse side.

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Teacher _____ Date _____

SCJSHS CONFIDENTIAL LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

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SCJSHS CONFIDENTIAL SCIENCE OR SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

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VIPER ACCELERATED PROGRAM COURSES

Students who are enrolled in VAP are expected to participate in rigorous courses for 8th and 9th grade, which will prepare them for the Advanced Placement classes in high school. Below you will find the courses and the progression path for VAP students. Students in VAP will remain in classes with their cohorts.

8th Grade

Language Arts 3 Advanced

U. S. History Advanced

Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced

Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors

Elective Courses

9th Grade

Pre-AP English I

One AP course (recommended: AP Computer Sciences)

Pre-AP Biology

World History Honors

Algebra II Honors or Geometry Honors

Elective Courses