

## **VIPER ACCELERATED PROGRAM COURSES: 7-9 Cohort**

Students who are enrolled in VAP are expected to participate in rigorous courses for the cohort years, grades 7-9. These courses will prepare them for the Advanced Placement classes in high school. Below you will find the VAP progression plan for the VAP cohort.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

VAP Language Arts 2 Advanced  
VAP Civics Advanced  
VAP Comprehensive Science 2 Advanced  
Math 2 Advanced or VAP Algebra 1 Honors  
Choice of three electives

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

VAP Language Arts 3 Advanced  
VAP U. S. History Advanced  
VAP Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced  
VAP Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors  
Choice of three electives

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

VAP English I Honors  
VAP Biology Honors  
VAP World History Honors  
One AP course (Recommended- AP Computer Science Principles)  
Algebra II Honors or Geometry Honors  
Career Research & Decision Making (must be taken online)  
Hope (can be taken online)  
PE, Band, Orchestra, Chorus or Elective

# Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School 7th Grade Application Viper Accelerated Program 2024-2025

## Parent Instruction Page

It is with great pleasure to offer the Viper Accelerated Program to your high-achieving student. It will be open to all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> 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 the high school AP Capstone program. This program will assist those students who are committed to securing a pathway to 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 Kimberly Petronella (VAP lead teacher). The application packet must be submitted in its entirety by **Friday, January 26, 2024**.

The COMPLETED paperwork and documentation should be enclosed in a large envelope and be returned to: Space Coast Jr/Sr High 6150 Banyan St. Cocoa, FL32927 Attn. Kimberly Petronella, VAP Lead Teacher.

### Students applying should have:

- At least a level 3 in both reading and math on Florida Standardized Assessments.
- At least a 3.0 GPA or “B” average.
- An excellent behavior and attendance record
- A **STRONG** work ethic (VAP students will have work to do outside of the classroom.)
- A willingness to participate in VAP events (fundraisers, field trips, car washes, etc.)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS Friday, JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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. A handwritten letter (minimum one page) by the applicant that responds to each of these questions: How will you bring value to the VAP program? Why are you a suitable candidate for the VAP program?
3. Report Cards (copies) from previous year and term 1 & 2 of 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
4. Three teacher recommendations sealed in envelopes and signed across the sealed flap by the person completing it.
5. 6th grade teacher recommendations required from:
  - Current math teacher
  - Current language arts teacher
  - Current GSP/elective/activity teacher

**SCJSHS 2024-2025  
Viper Accelerated Program Application**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Nickname

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
# and Street City Zip code

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work (Mother/Guardian) Work(Father /Guardian)

Enrolled in GSP (Gifted Student Program) \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent names (please print) Father (guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother (guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Any important information you would like the VAP teachers to know about the student:

Return completed paperwork to:  
Mrs. Kimberly Petronella,  
Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School  
6150 Banyan Street Cocoa, FL 32927

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

1. Student Application
2. Report cards from last year and term one and two of 6<sup>th</sup> grade
3. Three (3) completed recommendation forms sealed in signed envelopes.
4. Handwritten letter (one page minimum) responding to these questions:  
How will you bring value to the VAP program?  
Why are you a suitable candidate for the VAP program?

**DEADLINE is January 26, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 January 26, 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 3 = Exhibits this trait to an exceptional degree
- 2 = exhibits this trait consistently
- 1 = Exhibits this trait rarely

<b>Skills</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Demonstrates strong skills in this subject area			
Works well in group settings, is a team player			
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			
A Self-Starter/ Prepared for class			
Demonstrates acceptable classroom behavior conducive to learning			
Expresses opinions in a polite manner. Respectful of others.			

**Total Points** (out of 30 possible points) \_\_\_\_\_

The Viper Accelerated Program requires students to work at a very high level. Students must be motivated and enjoy learning. In your opinion, does this student possess the necessary characteristics for successful performance in this program?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Recommend | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend with reservations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend          | <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT recommend            |

**Please take a moment to tell us about this student. Please include ALL other information relevant to the student's potential success or failure in the program (discipline, attendance, etc.)**

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Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SCJSHS CONFIDENTIAL LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

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**SCJSHS CONFIDENTIAL GSP/ELECTIVE/ACTIVITY TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

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