

## The Columba Central Collegiate Academy Application Process

### Who should apply?

Current 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in being a part of The Collegiate Academy of Columbia Central High School should have at least a 3.0 GPA. Interested students should also embody the attributes outlined in the [Academy Member Profile link](#)

### Application and Selection Process

Students will be required to complete an online application, submit a creative writing sample and statement of intent and go through the interview process. Students will be awarded points based on grades, test scores, creative writing sample, interview, attendance and behavior and will be admitted based on total points is available by clicking the link [Interview Rubric Link](#)

- Applications will be available on February 20<sup>th</sup> and must be completed and submitted by March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. You will receive a confirmation screen (or email) after application submission. Please print and keep the confirmation for your records. You can also save a pdf file of your completed application.
- Interviews will be held in the months of January and February. Applicants will receive an invitation to sign up for an interview time. Interviews will be held at Central High School and will be completed with a faculty member and a current student. A copy of the Interview Questions are below and Writing Link [rubric](#) is available by clicking the appropriate links. Students should bring a copy of their most recent attendance, discipline log and
- Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will submit their 7<sup>th</sup> grade report card and their 1<sup>st</sup> semester report card for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Current 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will submit report cards from their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year and their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

## Interview Questions:

Question 1 and 2 will be asked for all applicants. No student will be asked more than 5 questions.

- 1. How do you think being in the Academy will benefit you?
  - 2. How do you deal with academic difficulty?
  - 3. If you were given the capability to travel back in time to any period in history, where would you go and why?
  - 4. Who is the person in your life who knows you best? What would this person say about your personality?
  - 5. How has the neighborhood you have grown up in molded you into the person you are today?
  - 6. What do you plan to do after college?
- Applicants will be required to complete a writing sample at the time of the interview. Below are the questions in which you may choose from.

\*Time Frame- 45 max

\* Students can bring (1) 3x5 note cards with bullet points and fragments to help prepare.

\* Note cards will be submitted with the writing sample.

1. Think back to a situation in your life where you had to decide between taking a risk and playing it safe. Which choice did you make? What was the outcome of your choice? Would you have made the same decision looking back on the experience or would you have made a different decision?
2. Think of a time you have wanted to learn about something that was not assigned to you by a teacher. What do you want to learn? Why? How did you go about it? What did you learn about yourself as a researcher/learner through the process?
3. Mistakes don't define us, but how we respond to mistakes does. Do you agree or disagree? Describe a time when you made a mistake. How did you respond? What did you learn about yourself?

4. Choose a piece or aspect of technology that has had the most negative impact on your world and explain why?

## **Selection Process and Important Dates**

Students who desire to be a part of The Collegiate Academy of Central High School and live within the CHS boundaries will be provided an opportunity to complete an application. Applications will be available February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Applications are due by March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Interviews will be held March 19 through March 26<sup>th</sup> (dates may change due to snow days)

Acceptance letters will be emailed by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**When applicants have been informed that they have been admitted to the Academy, they will be required to submit an online Academy Commitment Letter to secure their admission.**