What is Teacher Cadet?

The Teacher Cadet program is a “grow our own” initiative that consists of two dual-enrollment (DE) courses offered to high school students in Grade 11 and Grade 12 who may be interested in pursuing a career in education.

Interested students who are eligible to participate are enrolled in the following courses:

- Grade 11 – Teacher Cadet I DE
- Grade 12 – Teacher Cadet II DE

The Teacher Cadet program is designed to attract high school students to the field of education as a potential career “through exposure to a world-class curriculum and hands-on experience that focuses on teaching,” (Virginia Department of Education, n.d.).

Program Benefits

Teacher Cadet students earn dual-enrollment (DE) credit through Shenandoah University.

- Teacher Cadet I DE = EDUC 210 (3 credits)
- Teacher Cadet II DE = EDUC 310 (3 credits)

Teacher Cadet students are also immersed in real-world, project-based learning experiences. Students complete an internship with LCPS teachers and interact with LCPS students at the elementary and middle school levels during observations.

Teacher Cadet students who successfully complete the program receive a letter of intent (LOI) from the LCPS Department of Human Resources and Talent Development (HRTD).

Submitting an Interest Form

The online interest form is available to all LCPS students currently enrolled in Grade 10 with a minimum 2.7 GPA or its equivalent. Eligible students should express their interest in the Student Opportunities portal (LCPS Go) between September 14, 2022 and January 27, 2023.

The student interest form requires a student-created response (i.e., presentation, essay, drawing, video, etc.) and two recommendations. Students will need to provide names and email addresses for two recommenders.

The interest form must be completed and submitted by 11:59 PM on January 27, 2023. Student directions are viewable here.

Tentative Timeline

September 14, 2022
The interest form becomes available in the Student Opportunities portal (LCPS Go).
January 27, 2023
The deadline for current Grade 10 students to submit an interest form via LCPS Go.

February 10, 2023
All letters of recommendations are due (responsibility of the student to follow up).

February 13, 2023 - March 10, 2023
The committee convenes to review interest forms.

March 27, 2023
The committee communicates accepted and deferred students to stakeholders (students, families, counselors, principals, teachers, etc.).

After April 1, 2023
School Counseling may schedule accepted students in the Teacher Cadet I DE course to begin in the 2023 – 2024 school year as Grade 11 students.