

### Criteria for ACE program:

Gifted and talented identified

Performed at 85th percentile or higher on SC Ready (Reading & Math)

Free or reduced lunch

### ACE Program Components:

Quarterly gatherings off-campus (Marine Science, STEM, Team building, Cultural events)

Mentors (Each ACE student works with AMHS student and Adult)

Summer Programs – Gifted/Talented Camps

College Trips (Atlanta/DC)

Quarterly Gatherings of ACE Students and their families with AMHS families

### What AMHS offers:

- A rigorous and challenging liberal arts curriculum designed to prepare all students for success in the college or university of their choice
- Opportunity to earn up to 4 college credits (AP Capstone)
- Community Service learning opportunities
- Increased access to scholarships to make post-secondary plans a reality



*"Magnet showed me the reality of my educational possibilities. I was allowed to question...beyond the scope of the classroom... I was given the freedom to create and support whatever interested me... I was given the opportunity to widen my perception of my own intelligence and ability. That growth allowed me to enter into college with a level of confidence and certainty about my ability to succeed...After Magnet, there was no doubt... I would be successful"*

Janelle Gree, 2017



**Advancing Charleston Excellence (ACE)** – A program by invitation for academically talented rising 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in learning about the merits of attending Academic Magnet High School (AMHS).

### Why AMHS?

- Do you want to go to college?
- Do you like to explore ideas?
- Do you want to take part in serious science experiments/research?
- Do you have a question or idea you really want to research and share with others?
- Do you want to be part of a uniquely rigorous learning environment?
- Do you want to change the world?



## JKC, CCSD and ACE (Add Logos)

With support from the Jack Kent Cook Foundation and Charleston County School District, ACE aims to increase the number of students from low-to-moderate income families who attend Academic Magnet High School through inquiry-based seminars, field experiences, and exposure to near-peer mentors at the school, parental engagement, a summer institute, and a range of both academic and socio-emotional supports.

**Come, be an ACE scholar!**

*"Our children were well prepared academically to compete and thrive with some of the brightest minds in their colleges....they were given platforms to grow as leaders and stretch themselves.. We encourage all parents to explore and consider this exceptional public school opportunity for their children"  
Willis and Charlisa Pugh*

## Colleges and Universities for AMHS Graduates

- Claflin
- Clemson
- College of Charleston
- Duke
- Harvard
- Howard University
- Princeton
- University of South Carolina
- West Point
- Yale



## AMHS Accomplishments:

- Class of 2018/per person average of nearly \$100,000 in scholarship awards
- Highest number of National Merit Semifinalists in SC
- Presidential Scholars
- National winners in Science Fair, History Day, Siemens, Regeneron
- Ranked as a top high school in the USA by US News and World Report, Business Insider, Washington Post

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