



Incoming 9th Graders: Spartan Academy Starts This Fall

INFORMATION MEETING:

Thursday, June 7, 6:30 p.m. at ESM Central High School

A College Degree in High School? Did you know students entering ninth grade can now graduate from ESM with a high school Regents Diploma AND a college-level Associate of Science Degree?

Earn a College Degree:

ESM's new Spartan Academy combines the best elements of high school and college with science, technology, engineering & math (STEM) learning. Spartan Academy will empower students to pursue an advanced education and earn an Associate of Science Degree in either Computer Science, Engineering Science or Math/Science during their four years of high school.

Imagine the Opportunity:

The ESM Spartan Academy is a student-centered school within ESM Central High School that is connected to Onondaga Community College (OCC). Learning will be relevant and engaging. Student curiosity will be sparked and diversity celebrated. It's a computer science and STEM-focused pathway with college courses that will result in an Associate of Science Degree as well as a high school Regents Diploma. All three degrees offered will prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or start a career.

Who Attends Spartan Academy?

This new ESM Early College High School program is open to incoming ninth graders starting in the fall of 2018 who are eager to acquire their high school Regents Diploma and go the extra mile to earn a college-level Associate of Science Degree. The program will serve students who are willing to commit themselves to a four-year rigorous academic, college and career-readiness program. A designated number of students will be admitted and an application is required.

ESM Spartan Academy students:

- ✗ Are interested in the study of Computer Science or STEM-related career pathways
- ✗ Would like to study and develop a capacity for real-world applications of math, science and technology
- ✗ Are curious about design and engineering; understanding "how things work"
- ✗ Work well in a collaborative team environment and enjoy learning with their peers
- ✗ Are able to persist to solve a problem or complete a project

How Students Benefit from Spartan Academy:

- ✗ A tuition-free education focused on the knowledge and skills needed for STEM careers;
- ✗ An opportunity to earn an Associate of Science Degree in either Computer Science, Engineering Science or Math/Science from Onondaga Community College;
- ✗ Rigorous learning leading to a high school Regents Diploma;
- ✗ Individualized academic support by ESM and OCC faculty within an extended academic year or school day that enables students to experience success; and
- ✗ Preparation to transfer to a 4-year college with a 2-year transfer degree or to start a computer science/STEM-related career.

Interested? Attend the June 7, 2018 information meeting in the ESM Central High School Library. For further information, please contact the ESM Central High School Counseling office at 315-434-3306.

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