



Chesterfield County Public Schools
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Early College Academy

Citizens Budget Advisory
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Early-in College Academy Defined

-ECA

-Goal = 2 year Associate Degree attained by High School Graduation

-Academy is a structured format to reach this goal with built in school supports for students

WHY?

- Two Year Degree (A.A.) completion benefits
- Preparation for further academic study
- Personal cost savings when pursuing a future degree
- Access to automatic admission agreement at certain state universities

Current CCPS

Offer course options for possible college credit

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Dual Enrollment (DE)
- Concurrent Enrollment
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

Academy Approach

Cohort of Students



Established Pathway of College Credit Course
Options

Academy Approach

Built-in Supports

- Academic Assistance
- College/Career Coaching
 - Personalized planning
 - Individualized monitoring

CCPS Partner

John Tyler Community College



Credit Structure for Concurrent Degrees

A.A. Degree requires 61 credits with 18 DE credits with the Community College

DE HS 1 credit course = College 6 credit course

Degree can be earned with combination of credit options (Dual Enrollment, AP & IB Exam)

Developing an Academy Structure

Stage 1 – Central Team Research

- Design initial course options for pathways
- Determine staffing needs for Dual Enrollment courses

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Stage 2 – Discussions with School Leaders

- Initial school site research of program impact and structures
- Meeting with John Tyler Community College
- Exposure of concept to all school leadership teams

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Stage 3 – Start of School Level Work

- Developing initial pathway structures for a school site
- Determining format for adding individualized counseling series for students and parents
- Building initial communication plans

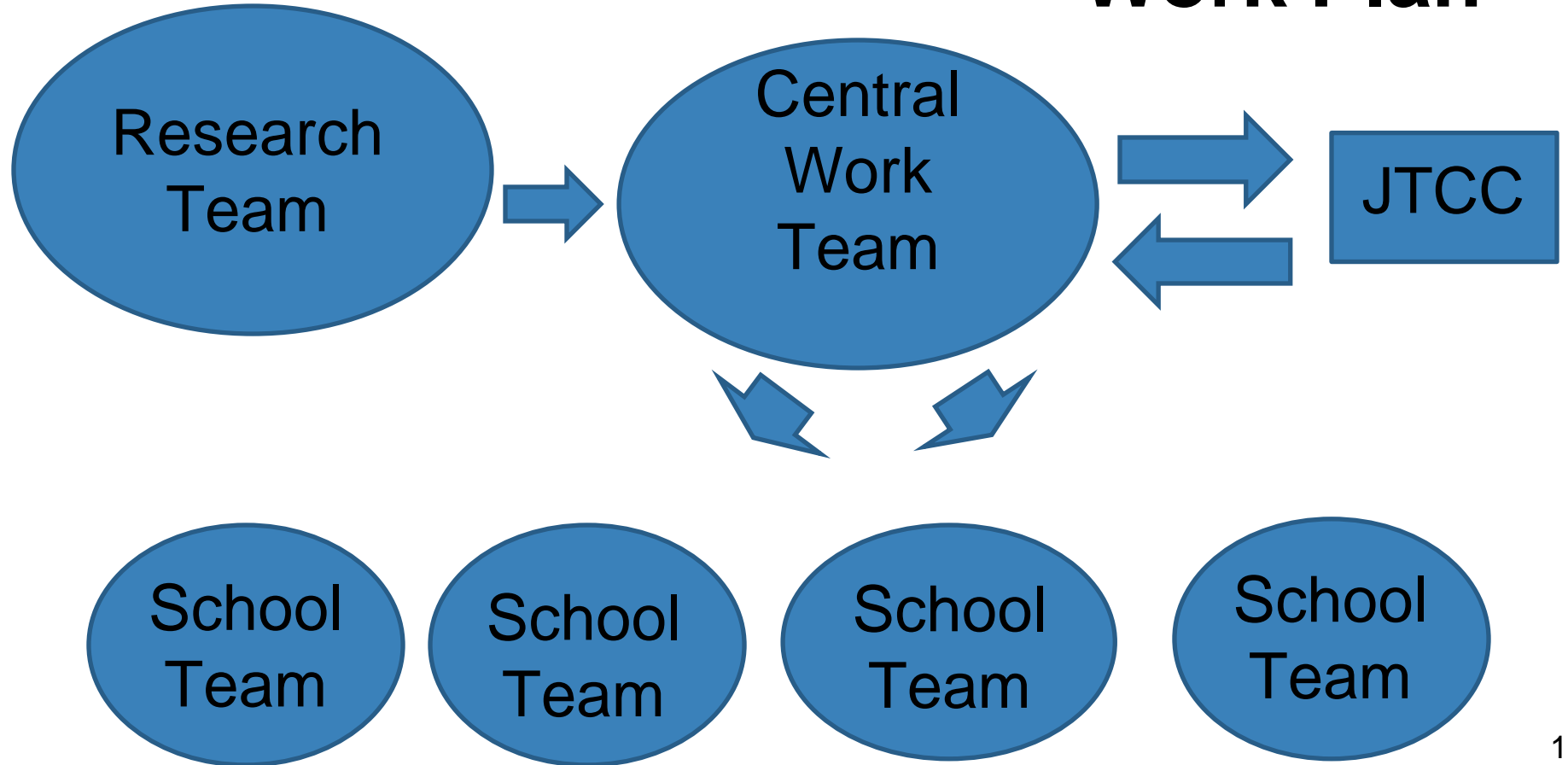
Current Vision

- Make students aware Grade 8 Winter/Spring**
- Suggest Grade 9 AP Human Geography
- Summer 2017: build on AP Boot Camp
- Formal admission to cohort Spring '18 for Grade 9
- Summer 2018: Formal summer expectations
- Cohort course work starts in Grade 10

Current Vision

- Review links to Specialty Center
- ECA Not a Specialty Center Model
- Goal = All Schools in three years depending on budgetary implications, endorsed Dual Enrollment teachers, and student interest

Work Plan



Elements that have to be worked out

- Course offerings
- Staffing availability
- Student support designs
- Communication plans
- Projecting budgetary needs

For this Group

- Awareness of ECAs
- Projected Associated Costs