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Students in 23 School Zones Across Virginia Beach Now Eligible to Apply to An Achievable Dream Academy

School district expands An Achievable Dream recruitment zones

Virginia Beach, VA – Students in grades K–7 in a total of 23 school zones in Virginia Beach may now apply to An Achievable Dream (AAD) Academy. Students in kindergarten through 5th grade who participate in the program attend An Achievable Dream Academy at Seatack Elementary School, and students in 6th and 7th grade attend An Achievable Dream Middle School Program housed at Lynnhaven Middle School. If students live within one of the following school boundaries, they are now eligible to apply for admission to An Achievable Dream, and the school district will provide transportation to the appropriate Achievable Dream location:

Eligible elementary school zones: Alanton, Birdneck, Brookwood, Christopher Farms, Cooke, Corporate Landing, Holland, King's Grant, Kingston, Linkhorn Park, Lynnhaven, Malibu, Ocean Lakes, Seatack, Strawbridge, Three Oaks, Trantwood, Windsor Oaks, Windsor Woods.

Eligible middle school districts: Corporate Landing, Lynnhaven, Plaza, Virginia Beach.

To apply, families should visit AchievableDream.org and click "Virginia Beach Student Admission." Applications are due by April 26, 2019. Notification letters will be mailed on May 10, 2019.

Previously, only students in the Seatack and Birdneck elementary districts, and the Seatack, Birdneck, and Lynnhaven middle school districts were eligible to attend the school with transportation provided by the school district.

"We are thrilled to be able to open the program up to more students in Virginia Beach, and we are very proud of our ongoing relationship with Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and the supporters who make this expansion possible," shares Lee Vreeland, E.d.D., president and CEO of An Achievable Dream.

The Achievable Dream program began in 1992 in Newport News and has since expanded to serve nearly 2,000 students in Newport News, Virginia Beach, and Henrico County. In each expansion, the program begins with grades K–2 and expands by one grade level per year. Since coming to Virginia Beach in 2014, the program has grown to encompass grades K–7 and will become a full K–12 program in the 2024/2025 school year.

The unique public-private partnership model operates within a standard public school and leverages the nonprofit arm of An Achievable Dream to fundraise for additional resources for students and families. Key components of the program include a trademarked SAME® (social, academic, and moral education) curriculum, extended academic day and week, 4-week summer intersession, extensive field trips, clubs, uniforms, and social rotation courses including STEM, mindfulness & meditation, conflict resolution, ethics, etiquette, and workforce communication. The full K–12 program in Newport News boasts a 100% on-time graduation rate, with 90–95% of graduates attending college or trade school, 3–5% joining the military, and 1–2% entering the workforce.

For more information about An Achievable Dream Virginia Beach, visit AchievableDream.org.

About An Achievable Dream:

An Achievable Dream is a nationally recognized educational nonprofit dedicated to the belief that all children can learn and succeed. Operating schools in partnership with Newport News Public Schools, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and Henrico County Public Schools, An Achievable Dream develops independent, productive citizens through a Social, Academic, and Moral Education (SAME®).