



The Health Science Academy (HSA) is a small school within Southeast High School for students interested in medical careers. The HSA is committed to a high quality education that addresses academic, intellectual, social, and work-related skills. The program is intended for students who have good attendance, a high level of self-motivation, and good academic skills.



About the Program

- Designed as a four-year program for grades 9-12
- Learning is organized around health science careers
- Smaller class sizes (around 25 students)
- Has a team of 3 teachers who you will have throughout the program
- HSA core classes include English, Social Studies, Science, and Principles of Biomedical Science, which is a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) class. There are two additional optional biomedical science courses
- Students will take Math and elective courses outside the HSA
- HSA students are held to the same graduation requirements expected of all District 186 students
- Involves partnership with Springfield higher education campuses, including the University of Illinois at Springfield and the St. John's College of Nursing.
- Guest speakers from St. John's Hospital, Memorial Medical Center, the Springfield Clinic, and the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine talk to HSA students about career paths in the healthcare field

Who Should Apply?

Ask yourself:

- Are you interested in a health science career after high school?
- Can you read a procedure, understand its meaning, and complete tasks in order?
- Can you think and work independently to complete tasks in order?
- Are you willing to work with others in order to accomplish specific goals?
- Can you focus and collaborate to meet assignment deadlines?
- Can you effectively use the Internet to research and complete assignments?
- Are you willing to persist even when a task is difficult?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, then the HSA is right for you!



A limited number of students will be accepted for admission. Students must live within the District 186 boundaries. Students accepted into the program will attend Southeast High School and may participate in all school activities.

An online application can be found on the Southeast High School website ([click here for the online application](#)). For more information about the program or how to apply, call 525-3130 x141 or email jpotter@sps186.org.

