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Dear Alameda 8th grade student:

Do you want to go to college?  Would you like to earn college credits while attending high school?  Are you interested in something different from the ‘typical’ high school experience?  Would you like to be part of a small community of learners?  Are you in charge of your education?

If the answer to ANY of these questions is ‘Yes,’ you should consider applying to Alameda Science and Technology Institute (ASTI).  ASTI is an Alameda Unified public high school located on the College of Alameda (COA) campus.  As an Early College High School, ASTI offers the unique opportunity of enrolling in college courses during your 11th and 12th grade years.  During this time you can complete your high school graduation requirements AND earn college credits.

Our school is based on the belief that all students deserve access to a college education and that all students are capable of succeeding at a high academic level.  What we look for most in a student is motivation and the desire to take on academic and personal challenges.  Some of the benefits of ASTI include:

✓ A small school community: 170 students
✓ Diversity: A wide range of socioeconomic, cultural, racial and linguistic diversity is represented in our student body.
✓ Opportunity to earn college credits: ASTI students have graduated with an average of 60+ college credits.  Some students earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree while completing their high school diploma.
✓ History of academic excellence: Consistently high API scores and outstanding college acceptances – ASTI graduates are currently attending, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Harvey Mudd, Pomona College, Wesleyan University, and many more.
✓ 100% of our graduates go on to continue their college education.
✓ High expectations and support: ASTI staff expects the best and work hard to help students reach their goals.
✓ Leadership opportunities: Student Government, School Site Council, PTSA, and clubs all offer numerous opportunities for students to take on a range of challenges and responsibilities.
✓ Extracurriculars: ASTI for Humanity Robotics, Interact, and a variety of other clubs involve students in exciting work outside of the classroom.
✓ Fun! Our student leadership class organizes a wide range of community building and social events.

You and your parents/guardians are invited to attend our information night to learn more about our school.  Our information night will be held on Thursday, January 23rd from 6-7:30pm in the F building student lounge on the College of Alameda campus at 555 Atlantic Ave (Ralph Appezzato Memorial Parkway).  Our staff and students will be there to answer any questions you might have about ASTI academics and student life.  You can find more information on our website at https://sites.google.com/site/alamedasti/.

Feel free to contact us if you have questions.  We also offer student shadows and parent tours.  Applications will be available at our info night and can be downloaded on our website or sent to you in the mail.  We look forward to meeting you and receiving your application!

Sincerely,

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