Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Fort Bend ISD Academy Programs. The high school Academies offer specialized programs for academic achievement in a variety of career clusters.

In order for your application to be considered, **you MUST reside within the Fort Bend ISD Attendance Zone.** (If you reside or attend school outside the FBISD attendance zone and are accepted, you must provide proof of residency within the zone by the first day of August in order to be registered). If you qualify, please complete the attached application and give it to your school counselor.

A complete application will have no blank spaces and include the following:

1. ☐ One-page **Academy Application** and one page **Commitment Form**. *Make sure you indicate to which Academy you are applying.*

2. ☐ One-page handwritten **essay**. The topic for your essay is "Why I am interested in the (requested) Academy, and what strengths I can bring to the program." **Include your name and the name of the Academy on your essay.** If you are applying to more than one Academy, write a separate essay for each Academy.

3. ☐ **Two teacher recommendations** (forms attached*). Recommendations must be from core subject teachers. (Applicants to the Medical Science, Engineering, and the Math and Science Academies* **must** *submit one recommendation from a current math teacher and one from a current science teacher.) Teachers should give completed recommendations to the school counselor, not back to the applicant. In cases where the applicant does not currently attend a FBISD school, the applicant should provide each recommending teacher with a stamped envelope, and the teacher should mail the recommendations to the Director of Academy Programs.*

Students not currently attending a FBISD school will submit the application to the Director of Academy Programs. In this case, the complete application must also include the following:

4. ☐ A copy of your most recent and last year's report cards **- not progress reports.** (*This information will be electronically accessed for FBISD students).*

5. ☐ A copy of your most recent TAKS scores. *If you do not currently attend a FBISD school, submit scores from standardized tests you have taken in the last year.* (*This information will be electronically accessed for FBISD students).*

Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete.

If you want to hear more about our academy programs before submitting your application, please attend our district **Academy Expo October 26 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Wheeler Fieldhouse**.

Deadlines for submitting complete applications to individual academies are posted on the application and on the district website www.fortbendisdacademies.com. Applications received after the scheduled due date will be reviewed only as space is available.

You will be notified of the academy's affirmative decision in January. To guarantee your position, you must sign and return a letter of commitment.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Spain
Director of Gifted/Talented and Academy Programs
16431 Lexington Blvd., Suite 300
Sugar Land, TX 77479

ACADEMY APPLICATION

Deadline	**Please check the Academy for which this application applies.**
December 1	☐ International Business & Marketing (Bush HS)
December 1	☐ Medical Sciences (Hightower HS)
December 1	☐ Engineering (Elkins HS)
December 15	☐ Math and Science (Dulles HS)
December 9	☐ Global Languages (Clements HS)
	Primary Language Choice: _____ Secondary Language Choice: _____
December 15	☐ International Baccalaureate World School – IB (Marshall HS)
December 15	☐ Electronic Engineering (Marshall HS)
January 8, 2010	☐ Emerging Technology (Willowridge HS)
December 1	☐ Telecommunications (Hightower HS) ☐ TV/Film ☐ Graphics/Animation
TBD	☐ Early College Academy (High School # 11)

If applying to more than one Academy please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. (1)_____ (2)_____ (3)_____

To be considered, your application <u>must</u> include these items:

1. Student Essay: One-page handwritten essay on the topic "Why I am interested in the (requested) Academy, and what strengths I can bring to the program". Please make sure your name and the Academy to which you are applying are on the essay.
2. Recommendations: Please submit *at least* two teacher recommendations. *(Medical Science Academy, Engineering Academy, and Math and Science Academy applicants must submit one recommendation from a current math teacher and one from a current science teacher.)* Indicate the teachers from whom you have requested recommendations:
   Name/Subject _____ Name/Subject _____
3. Student Grades: This information will be electronically accessed for FBISD students. *If you are not currently enrolled in a FBISD school, submit copies of your most recent report card (NOT a progress report) and your final report card from last year.*
4. TAKS Scores: This information will be electronically accessed for FBISD students. *If you are not currently enrolled in a FBISD school, submit your scores from all standardized tests you have taken in the last year.*

FULL NAME (FIRST, MI, LAST) | FBISD STUDENT ID # | GRADE

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS | DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY | GENDER

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME | DAYTIME PHONE - -

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

HOME ADDRESS | HOME PHONE - -

CITY | ZIP | SUBDIVISION

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

PRESENT CAMPUS | ZONED HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

School activities: (offices, awards, clubs, etc.) _____

Activities in which I would like to be involved _____

Out of school activities _____

If I am accepted into and sign the commitment form by the required date for this Academy, I will remain in the program for at least one year.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

<u>Please see reverse. Read and sign as well (both student and parent)</u>.

Commitment Form

Criteria for Remaining in an FBISD High School Academy

With acceptance comes responsibility. Students are provided every opportunity to be successful in their chosen Academy. All Academy students are expected to display exemplary behavior, pass all courses, **and** meet academic proficiencies in all Academy courses. However, violations in grades and conduct (as outlined below) will constitute probation and/or dismissal. Parents will receive written notice via US mail of cases warranting probation or dismissal.

Probation Violations:

1. The student has three or more unexcused absences in any nine-week period (3 tardies = 1 unexcused absence).
2. The student falls below academic proficiency in Academy classes at the end of the semester. The student will have one semester to return to the expected academic performance or he/she will be dismissed. The student will remain on probation for the duration of time that he/she is enrolled in the Academy.

Dismissal Violations:

1. Failure of any course at the end of the year will result in dismissal from the Academy and return to zoned campus.
2. Students will be dismissed from the Academy **at the end of the semester** for two In School Suspensions (ISS), one Out of School Suspension (OSS), and/or assignment to the Campus Alternative Education Program (CAEP). Any student removed from an Academy for academic or disciplinary reasons must return to his/her zoned campus at the end of the semester following completion of the disciplinary assignment.
3. Serious behavioral offenses requiring placement in the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP) at the M.R. Wood Campus will result in **immediate** dismissal from the Academy.

Academy Specific Violations:

Individual academies may have additional requirements. This information can be accessed at www.fortbendisd.com or the Academy campus website.

We have read and understand the above criteria. Our signatures below indicate our understanding and acknowledgement. Our signatures here also indicate our commitment to remain at the Academy for the entire school year if accepted.

_____
Printed Student Name

_____
Student Signature Date

_____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

A copy of this Commitment letter will remain on file with the Academy student's records for the duration of their enrollment.

Use this page to submit the final draft of your one-page handwritten essay. No other formats are accepted.

Applicant's name: _____ Academy to which you are applying: _____

Academy Recommendation Form

Dear Teacher:

The student listed is applying to one of the FBISD Academies. As someone who knows this student, your evaluation is critical in helping us gain insight into his or her area of interest.

Please complete **both** sides and return this form to the campus counselor by December 1, 2009. ***Response time is critical, as a student's application cannot be considered until all parts have been received.***

Recommendations for students not enrolled in FBISD should be sent to:
Jeannette Spain, Director of Academy Programs
16431 Lexington Blvd, Suite 300
Sugar Land, TX 77479.

Dear Student - *Please complete the following:*
(So this recommendation can be properly matched to your application.)

Name _____
PLEASE PRINT

Address _____

_____

Current Campus _____

Career Academy to which you are applying:

- ☐ International Business and Marketing (BHS)
- ☐ Medical Sciences (HHS)
- ☐ Engineering (EHS)
- ☐ Math and Science (DHS)
- ☐ Global Languages (CHS)
- ☐ International Baccalaureate - IB (MHS)
- ☐ Electronic Engineering (MHS)
- ☐ Emerging Technology (WHS)
- ☐ Telecommunications (HHS) ☐ TV/Film ☐ Graphics/Animation
- ☐ Early College Academy (High School # 11)

Name of Teacher completing this form (please print): _____

I have known this student for _____ years. I have taught him/her in the following course(s):

_____

Please indicate your confidential rating of the applicant's qualities below:

	Clearly Outstanding	Exceeds Expectations	Satisfactory	Below Expectations
Positive attitude				
Effective communication				
Academic preparation				
Emotional maturity				
Classroom behavior				
Punctuality and dependability				
Initiative				
Creativity				
Ability to work independently				

In considering this student for the Career Academy listed above, I would . . .

☐ Enroll without hesitation ☐ Consider strongly ☐ Consider with some reservations ☐ Not consider

(over)

Why do you make this recommendation?

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We rely on your candid comments in evaluating this student. Please include any that you wish.

Teacher Signature: _____ Date _____

Thank you for your time and help for your student and us. *(Please provide the following information in case of questions).*

School/Campus: _____ Phone: ( ) _____

If this is a private school, please include any information available about your school and its programs.

E-mail address: _____

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