

# Why an Academy?

Fort Bend ISD High School Academies exist to provide specialized learning communities with concentrated and robust course pathways comprised of career and academic classes.

## Academies... Making a World of Difference

Find out more about this program through the Fort Bend ISD website at www.fortbendisd.com.



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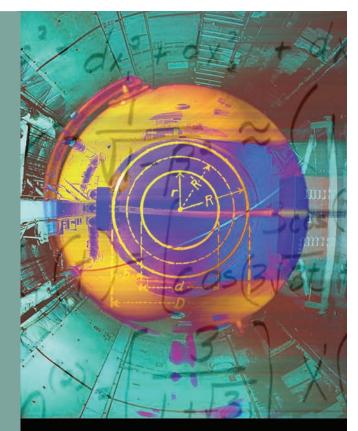
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### Dulles High School • Math & Science Academy

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Math & Science Academy exists to provide students opportunities to advance through a specialized series of courses to prepare them for careers in math and science fields. Emphasis is placed on the significance of math and science in a modern society propelled by daily technological innovation. Through the power of math and science, solutions to the world's innumerable problems can be devised, ranging from rapid climate change with environmental science to building the most profitable, sustainable business with calculus.

#### **APPLICATION**

Students are selected based on the following criteria:

- Completed application found on the Fort Bend ISD website
- Recommended that students complete Algebra I prior to the start of their 9th grade year
- Successful completion of all parts of the 7th grade STAAR exam
- 7th and 8th grade semester grades in math, science, ELA and social studies
- Math entrance exam

Final acceptance is contingent upon successful completion of all 8th grade courses during the regular school year and all parts of the 8th grade STAAR exam

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS/ COMMITMENTS

- Complete at least 11 credits through a combination of math and science courses (can be 5 math/6 science or 6 math/5 sciences) inclusive of Calculus AB or BC.
- Must be enrolled in preAP, AP, Honors, or Dual Credit math and science courses all four years at the campus.
- Must complete Computer Science 1 preAP or higher. This will not satisfy math credits as stated above.
- Participate in 4 pre-approved Math/Science Academy activities annually.
- Complete 1 graduation project from the approved list.
- Complete 100 hours of community service while enrolled in the Academy.



#### **ACADEMY EXPECTATIONS**

- Academy students must be enrolled in the appropriate sequence of academy and academic courses as outlined in the program guidelines at all times.
- Academy students must maintain a 75 or higher in all academy specific courses.
- Academy students must maintain a 70 or higher in all other courses.
- Academy students must complete 12.5 hours of community service each semester for a total of 25 hours per school year as approved by the Academy Coordinator.
- Academy students must participate in at least 1 enrichment activity per grading period as outlined by the Academy Coordinator.

#### **STUDENT BENEFITS**

- Enrichment opportunities through local universities and corporate connections
- Extensive laboratory experiences using the latest technologies and computer based hardware and software
- Experience and exposure through state and national academic competitions
- Potential for acceptance into the nation's top universities with assistance from guidance counselors and the academy advisor
- Potential to graduate with at least 1 semester of transferable college credit through AP exams

Course offerings are subject to change in the event that the Texas Education Agency makes changes to approved courses and/or due to low enrollment.