



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.**

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*Find out more about this program through the
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Digital Media Academy

Fort Bend Independent School District
**ACADEMY
program**

Hightower High School • Digital Media Academy

OVERVIEW

The Digital Media Academy exists to provide students exposure and skills applicable to digital media career pathways and to prepare students for entry level positions or college career readiness upon completion of the program.

APPLICATION

Students are selected based on the following criteria:

- Completed application found on the Fort Bend ISD website
- It is 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
- Interview / Presentation – prompt will be provided when the interview time is confirmed
- Final acceptance is contingent upon successful completion of all 8th grade courses and all parts of the 8th grade STAAR exam

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS/ COMMITMENTS

- Complete 6 Arts, Audio/Video (A/V) and Communications credits in a coherent sequence as identified by the Digital Media Academy pathway on the campus.
- Must be enrolled in preAP, AP, Honors or Dual Credit English all 4 years.
- Must complete Computer Science 1 Pre-AP.
- Take and pass all appropriate course certifications.
- Participate in 4 approved digital media activities annually.
- 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.

FOUR YEAR ACADEMY COURSE PATHWAY

Six or more credits in a coherent sequence chosen from one of the following pathways inclusive of the first courses listed:

**Principles of Arts and A/V (1)
A/V Production (1) AND A/V Production Lab (1)**
– these courses must be taken concurrently

Students choose at least 2 credits from one of the following pathways:

Production –

- A/V Production II (1) AND A/V Production Lab II (1) – these courses must be taken concurrently
- Practicum in A/V Production (2)

Design –

- Graphic Design I (1) AND Graphic Design I Lab (1) – these courses must be taken concurrently
- Graphic Design II (1) AND Graphic Design II Lab (1) – these courses must be taken concurrently

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.

