

Frequently Asked Questions

Students

What is the application committee looking for in an academy student?

The application committee will consider the following information:

- Semester grades from courses taken in 7th & 8th grade
- STAAR scores from 7th & 8th grade
(*STAAR scores are waived for the 2022-2023 application).
 - If you do not attend a FBISD middle school, but live in the FBISD attendance zone, you will be required to upload standardized test scores to your application. Examples of acceptable test scores: PSAT, SAT, IOWA, Stanford, TerraNova, PASS, etc.
- Interview Score

What are the requirements to stay in the academy after I'm accepted?

Students must:

- Complete levels I-IV consecutively of a world language offered on campus. The student must be enrolled in their language class starting freshman year.
- Stay enrolled in the designated preAP, AP, Honors, or Dual credit ELA courses all four years on campus.
- Earn five credits in SS, inclusive of World Geography preAP, AP Human Geography, and World History on campus, in the designated sequence.
- Complete the Academy Capstone course and Global Business at the designated time.
- Participate in four pre-approved enrichment activities each academic year and complete 100 qualifying service hours.
- Maintain a 75 or above in all academy classes and a 70 or above in all non-academy classes.

What is the Academy Capstone course?

The Academy Capstone course is a course taken Senior year as a culmination of all your studies. It is an independent research class in which you work with an outside mentor to do in-depth research and Spring Action on a topic of your choice while relating it to global studies.

Will there be events to attend before starting high school?

YES! We will have various events, including course selection, a meet & greet, a preAP workshop, and orientation. A full calendar will be available after commitment.

What kind of jobs can I obtain with the skills I have mastered in the Academy?

Our students can apply their skills to a variety of majors and careers. According to College Board, a degree in Global Studies most often lends itself to:

- Foreign Service Officers
- Government Executives and Legislators
- News Analysts, Reporters, and Correspondents
- Public Interest Lawyers or Advocates

Where can I find details regarding Academy?

Visit the Academy website at

www.fortbendisd.com/globalstudies



What is an enrichment activity?

A pre-approved activity that is in addition to your course work that pertains to global studies or culture. Some examples are listed here:

- World Affairs Council International Career Night
- Monthly Academy cultural presentations
- Annual Global Issues Summit
- Various community/school events such as FBEF I-Fest

If you want to attend an event and want it to count as an enrichment activity, you will need to get prior approval from the academy coordinator.

How can I reach the 100 hours of community service goal?

Hours are broken down to a minimum of 25 service hours per academic year. GSA partners with THS YES to track hours. YES and GSA provide volunteering opportunities throughout the year and during the summer.

Is transportation provided?

At this time the District picks up/drops off non-zoned Academy students at their zoned elementary campus.

Will there be transportation provided for afterschool activities?

No, all students must have their own transportation if staying afterschool for an extra-curricular activity.