

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 applicaiton).
 - 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 six Business/Marketing credits in a coherent sequence in the designated pathway for the Academy.
- Earn a minimum of four credits in qualifying preAP, AP, Honors, or Dual Credit coursework.
- Complete AP Macro-Economics.
- Complete a final project senior year.
- Take and pass all appropriate course certifications.
- 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.

Will I be able to be in band or athletics and be in the Academy?

Yes. However, Academy students are strongly encouraged to take speech and health outside of the regular school year because their schedules will be very tight due to the Academy requirements.

Will there be events to attend before starting high school?

YES! We will have various events, including course selection, a meet & greet with your peer mentors, and student orientation. A full calendar will be available after commitment. In addition, certain campus organizations may require summer participation (i.e. band or athletics).

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

- Future Entrepreneur
- Future Business Manager
- Future Marketing Executive
- Future Accountant
- Future Financial Analyst
- Future Sales Agent
- Future Stockbroker

Where can I find details regarding Academy?

Visit the Academy website at
www.fortbendisd.com/ibma



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
- Local presentations from business and professionals
- School organizations and competitions (i.e. DECA)
- Various group philanthropic efforts

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. IBMA students must join THS YES and adhere to all of their guidelines. YES and IBMA offer a multitude of volunteering opportunities throughout the year and 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.