

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- STAAR scores from 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 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.
- Math Entrance Exam score

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

Students must:

- Complete 11 Math and Science courses (5 math & 6 science or 6 math and 5 science).
- Stay enrolled in a PreAP, AP, Honors, or Dual Credit math and science course all four years at Dulles.
- Complete computer science Pre-AP or higher.
- Participate in four pre-approved enrichment activities annually.
- Complete one graduation project.
- Complete 100 hours of community service.
- Maintain a 75 or above in all academy classes and a 70 or above in all non-academy classes.

### What counts as a graduation project?

Students can choose from a list of options including internships, Scientific Research and Design, volunteering, camps, and competitions. All students must complete and present their project's portfolio. More information can be found online.

### 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.

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

- Future Researcher
- Future Engineer
- Future Medical Doctor
- Future Software Developer
- Future Analyst

### Where can I find details regarding Academy?

Visit the Academy website at

[www.fortbendisd.com/mathandscience](http://www.fortbendisd.com/mathandscience)



### What is an enrichment activity?

A pre-approved activity that is in addition to your course work that pertains to math and science. Some examples are listed here:

- Attend academy student meetings
- Attend Math and Science Honor Society meetings
- Attend a Math and Science Academy field trip
- Compete in a math and science competition
- Attend a math and science camp.

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. MSA partners with DHS YES to track hours. YES and MSA provide volunteering opportunities throughout the year and during the summer.

### Will there be events for me to attend before starting high school?

YES! There will be various events, including course selection night, socials, and orientation. A full list of events will be available after commitment.