

Frequently Asked Questions

Parents

Can what my student is learning in his/her Academy course be used in the real world?

Yes! Students will use industry standard technology in the classroom.

- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Premier
- Final Cut Pro
- Camera Angles
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Flash
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Dreamweaver
- Lighting with HD camera
- And A Lot More!

What activities does the Academy offer aside from the specialized courses?

In previous years, Academy students have had the opportunity to tour university campuses, work with professors and tour industry related facilities.

Where can I find details regarding Academy pathways?

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

How is the Academy curriculum going to benefit the student in his/her professional studies at the collegiate level?

Instructors are industry professionals who worked in the field before joining the Academy team. Students will learn skills that put them ahead of their future college classmates and better prepare for them a career in the medical field.

Are Academy students provided transportation for afterschool activities?

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

Is transportation provided?

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

Will there be events my freshman must attend during the summer before starting high school?

YES! There will be workshops for incoming freshman Academy students, an Academy Freshman Orientation, and a general HHS Freshman Orientation. Incoming Academy students need to attend BOTH orientations. Both orientations take place at the beginning of August.

What kind of jobs can my child obtain with the skills s/he has mastered in the Academy?

- Digital Marketing
- Video Editing
- Web Analytics
- Graphic Designer
- Program Application Developer
- Social Media & Networking
- Product Development
- Animator
- Web Development
- Digital Editorials



Are the academic courses at Hightower taught at the same level as other campuses?

All FBISD faculty teach the same objectives/ skills. AP courses at HHS are taught at the same rigor as AP courses at other FBISD high schools.

Is my student able to participate in extra-curricular activities and be in the Academy program?

To help students develop their leadership skills, we encourage Academy students to get involved in clubs/organizations that they are passionate in and where they feel a connection to the program and school.

Will my student graduate with college credit?

Student can enroll in AP or dual credit courses during high school in order to earn college credit. Contact your student's academic guidance counselor to learn more about these courses and when they are offered.

What time does the Academy bus depart campus in the afternoon?

All buses leave campus immediately after school.

Does my student have to reapply every year?

No, once accepted and committed to an Academy program you become an incoming Academy freshman and future Hurricane!

Do Academy students go to class with zoned students?

Yes! Academy students are HHS Hurricanes. Academy courses are cohorted but core academic courses are not. Academy students participate in the same extra-curricular activities as all HHS students. It is ALWAYS a great day to be a Hurricane!