

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
 - 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?

- Complete six Arts, Audio/Video Tech & Communications credits as identified by the DMA pathway
- Stay enrolled in and meet standards in PreAP, AP, Honors, or Dual Credit English courses all four years at Academy Campus
- Take and pass all appropriate course certifications
- Participate in four pre-approved enrichment activities annually
- 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

Is transportation provided?

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

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

Students are required to register with the YES organization on campus. YES provides volunteering opportunities throughout the year and during the summer. Students are responsible for keeping track of their hours and completing all paperwork associated with the YES program.

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.

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

Where can I find details regarding the Academy?

Visit the Academy website at

www.fortbendisd.com/digitalmedia



What is an enrichment activity?

Any 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 a math or science UIL competition
- Attend Digital Media Academy related organization competition
- Attend an Academy field trip
- Attend a Digital Media Academy related 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.

Will there be transportation provided for afterschool activities?

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

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 class(es) must I take next year?

All Academy freshman must take Principles of Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications their freshman year and one PreAP core class.