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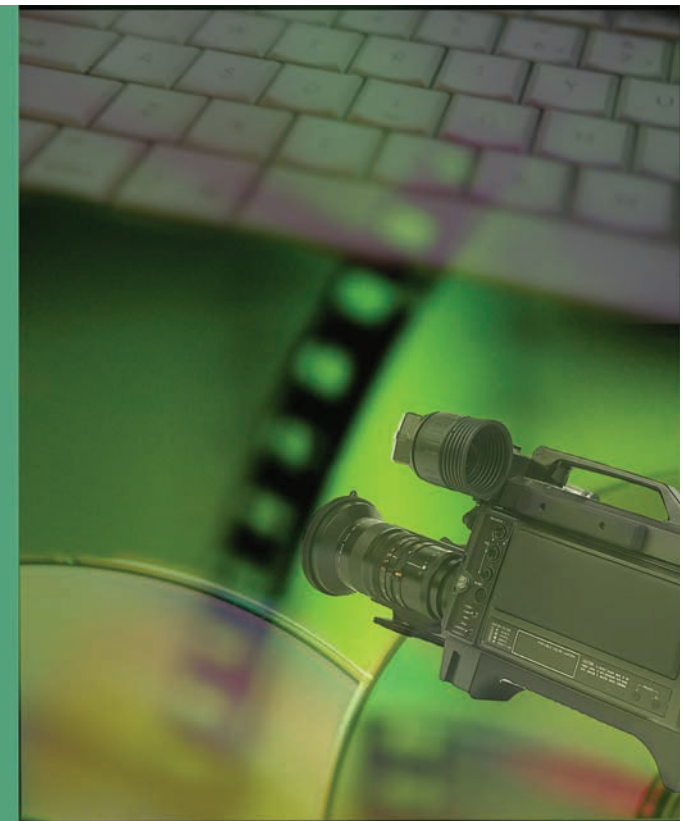
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# Hightower High School • Digital Media Academy

## OVERVIEW

The Digital Media Academy exists to provide students exposure and skills applicable to digital media career pathways and to prepare students for entry-level positions or college career readiness upon completion of the program.

## APPLICATION

**Students are selected based on the following criteria:**

- Completed application found on the Fort Bend ISD website
- It is recommended that students complete Algebra I prior to the start of their 9th grade year
- Successful completion of all parts of the 7th grade STAAR exam
- 7th and 8th grade semester grades in math, science, ELA and social studies
- Interview / Presentation – the presentation details will be provided when the interview time is confirmed

Final acceptance is contingent upon successful completion of all 8th grade courses during the regular school year and all parts of the 8th grade STAAR exam.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS/ COMMITMENTS

- Complete 6 Arts, Audio/Video (A/V) and Communications credits in a coherent sequence as identified by the Digital Media Academy pathway on the campus.
- Must be enrolled in preAP, AP, Honors or Dual Credit English all 4 years.
- Must complete Computer Science 1 Pre-AP.
- Take and pass all appropriate course certifications.
- Participate in 4 approved digital media activities annually.
- Complete 100 hours of community service while enrolled in the Academy.

## ACADEMY EXPECTATIONS

- Academy students must be enrolled in the appropriate sequence of academy and academic courses as outlined in the program guidelines at all times.
- Academy students must maintain a 75 or higher in all academy specific courses.
- Academy students must maintain a 70 or higher in all other courses.
- Academy students must complete 12.5 hours of community service each semester for a total of 25 hours per school year as approved by the Academy Coordinator.
- Academy students must participate in at least 1 enrichment activity per grading period as outlined by the Academy Coordinator.

## FOUR-YEAR ACADEMY COURSE PATHWAY

Six or more credits in a coherent sequence chosen from one of the following pathways:

### All Students:

- 9th grade – Principles of Arts, AV Technology & Communications  
Taken any time – Professional Communications  
– Digital Interactive Media

### Digital Filmmaking and Broadcasting Pathway

- 10th grade – Audio Video Production  
11th grade – Advanced Audio/Video Productions  
12th grade – Practicum 1

### Digital Graphics and 3D Animation Pathway

- 10th grade – Graphic Design and Illustration  
11th grade – Animation  
12th grade – Practicum 1

*Course offerings are subject to change in the event that the Texas Education Agency makes changes to approved courses and/or due to low enrollment.*

