



## Why an Academy?

Fort Bend ISD High School Academies exist to provide specialized learning communities with concentrated and robust course pathways comprised of career and academic classes.

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Find out more about this program through the Fort Bend ISD website at [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com).



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# Travis High School • Global Studies Academy

## OVERVIEW

The Global Studies Academy (GSA) exists to equip students to effectively solve the challenges society will face in the future while developing multi-faceted global citizens. Students are empowered to become innovative global thinkers who celebrate diversity. The Academy promotes global citizenship by focusing on languages, culture and current events. The Academy also fosters leadership by exposing its members to a variety of situations from a globally-integrated perspective while offering opportunities in student government, community service and cultural awareness activities.

## APPLICATION

*Students are selected based on the following criteria:*

- Completed application found on the Fort Bend ISD website
- 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.

Any student attending an academy outside of the attendance zone in which he/she resides, will be ineligible for varsity athletic competition for one calendar year.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS/ COMMITMENTS

**Students must:**

- Complete Level I-IV of any one global language offered at academy. Must be enrolled freshman year and take consecutively until completion of Level IV.
- Complete the Capstone course and Global Business.
- Be enrolled in preAP, AP, Honors or Dual Credit English all four years at the campus.
- Earn 5 credits in Social Studies inclusive of preAP World Geography, World History and AP Human Geography at the campus.
- Participate in four pre-approved Global Studies Academy events 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

- Students take four consecutive credits in the same World Language.
- Global Business is taken as a Junior.
- GSA Capstone course is taken as a Senior.
- Social Studies courses are taken in the designated course sequence.

## WORLD LANGUAGE COURSE OFFERINGS

Spanish	Latin
French	Chinese
German	Japanese

*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.*

