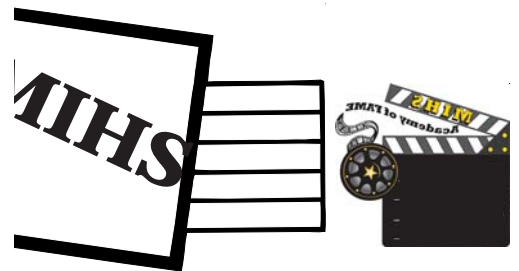




Merritt Island High School

Fine Arts and Multi-Media Entertainment
2012- 2013 Handbook



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The Academy of FAME offers three tracks of study:

Performing Arts...

musical theatre, drama, acting, stagecraft,
dance, chorus, band, orchestra

Visual Arts...

drawing, painting, ceramics, photography

Technical Arts...

cinematography, digital design, web design

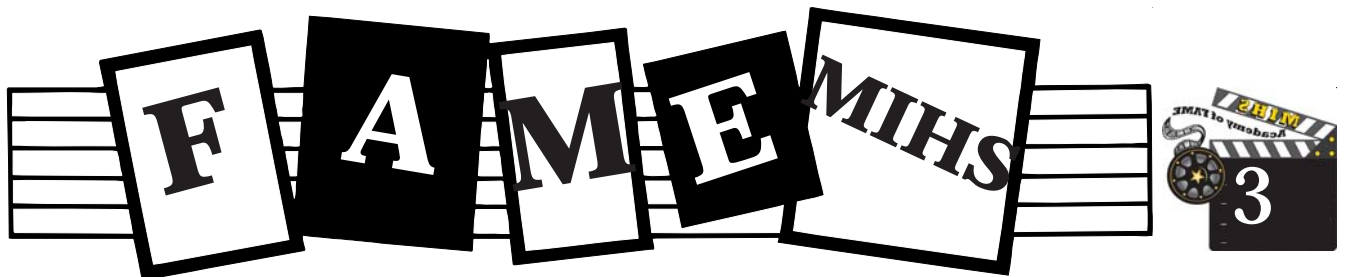
Our Vision...

The Academy of FAME is committed to a high-quality education in the field of Fine Arts and Multi-Media Entertainment through academic performance and technical coursework in preparation for the 21st century work force and the post-secondary educational arena.



You know you are a FAME student if...

- ◆ you love small learning communities.
- ◆ you enjoy being a student of the arts.
 - ◆ you are ready for rigorous and relevant college/career development.
- ◆ you like the “school within a school” concept.
 - ◆ you want interdisciplinary curriculum with hands-on learning experiences.
- ◆ you look forward to professional mentoring and career shadowing.
- ◆ you are up for the challenge of honors and academic programs with teamed teachers.
- ◆ you appreciate an individualized program of study in your area of concentration.
- ◆ you want scholarship opportunities such as Gold Seal and Bright Futures with individualized counseling.
- ◆ you enjoy participating in fine art/multi-media events and competitions.



Important people to know in our Academy...

Merritt Island High School Academy of FAME Advisory Committee

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FAME Teachers

Janice Cheshire: Academy English Honors II
Deborah Davis: Women's Chorus, Concert Choir, Men's Chorus, Island Singers, Cantate
Jenora Duprey: Advanced Acting, Drama, Musical Theater, Stagecraft, Dance
Cara Erickson: Web Design (CTE certification opportunity)
Amy Finney: Cinematography
Barbara Foose: Academy Honors Economics
Karen Forbes: Digital Design (CTE certification opportunity)
Mary Fredericks: Academy Honors American Government
Kari Ryan Furr: Academy Honors World History, Honors American History
Jimmy Higginbotham: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Orchestra I, Percussion, Jazz Band
Greg Leary: Creative Photography I, II, III, AP 2-Dimensional, Portfolio
Charles Parker: Academy English Honors I
Stephanie Rensing : Drawing/Painting I, II, III, AP Drawing, Portfolio
Heather Rose: Careers in FAME, Modes of Learning in FAME
Denise Stewart: Academy English Honors III, IV
Brittany Williams: Ceramics I, II, III, AP 3D



Educational Environment

The Academy of FAME provides an educational setting dedicated to the development of academic skills with a goal of creating responsible citizens. Teaching will take place in a structured classroom setting where limits are firmly established and understood.

Honesty and Integrity

Because Academy students have a wide variety of opportunities in the classroom, school and community, it is extremely important that they exhibit conduct acceptable in both an educational and professional environment. Academy students are to conduct themselves in a manner showing respect for all persons in adherence to the school code of conduct. Honesty and integrity must be displayed in the classroom and all school-related activities. Students must understand that a violation of these guidelines jeopardizes their Academy status and limits their participation in Academy activities.

Grades

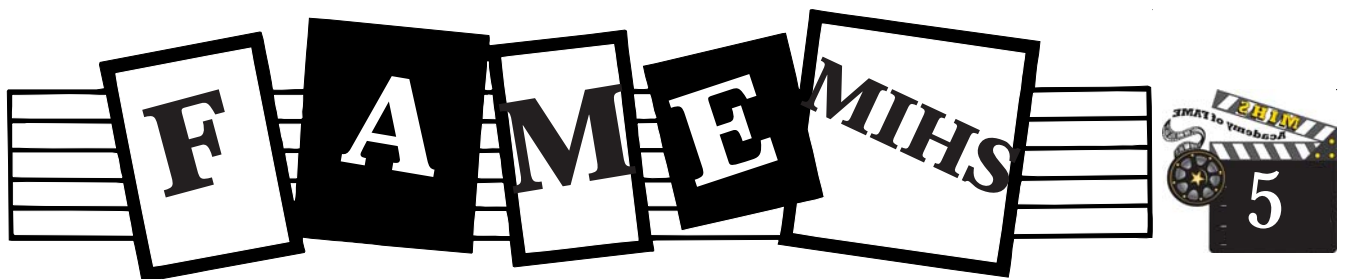
At the end of each semester, the Academy Director will review the Academy student's grades and discipline record. If a student does not maintain a 2.5 grade point average overall and/or successfully complete an academy class, s/he will be subject to probationary intervention whereby an academic contract will be developed and monitored. Participation in Academy activities will be limited until improvement is made.

Academic Assistance

Parents may call the Guidance Department at 454-1005 to schedule an appointment to meet with the guidance counselor and/or Academy teachers. In addition, students in pursuit of a CTE (Career and Technical Education) Certification can plan sequential coursework in Web Design, Digital Design or Drafting through the assistance of the Guidance department.

Interim Progress Reports

In order to assist students and parents with academic progress, Academy teachers utilize a quarterly progress report given at the mid-point in each nine-week period. These reports can be viewed on Edline. Academy families should routinely check Edline for timely information regarding the Academy in addition to grade reporting.



FAME Academy Curriculum Pathways

The FAME Academy adheres to the National Academy Foundation's "Six Core Principles": personalized learning environment, academic engagement, empowered educators, accountable leaders, engaged community and integrated curriculum.

Each FAME student is part of a "small learning community" whereby s/he enrolls in a cohort of FAME classes including Academy Honors English, Academy Honors Social Studies and one elective in the field of Performing Arts, Visual Arts and/or Technical Arts. MIHS Guidance Counselors help FAME students map out an individualized curriculum pathway including the option of a "Career Technology Education" (CTE) Program of Study for Web Design or Digital Design.

FAME electives (subject to availability) include:

BAND (Concert, Symphonic, Orchestra, Percussion, Jazz)

CHORUS (Women's, Concert, Men's, Island Singers, Cantate)

DANCE, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE, STAGECRAFT, THEATER PRODUCTION,

PHOTOGRAPHY, CINEMATOGRAPHY, CERAMICS, DRAWING/PAINTING

DIGITAL DESIGN, WEB DESIGN

National Standards of Practice for the Academy

1. The Academy's mission focuses on college and career while increasing student achievement and aspirations.
2. The Academy offers a cohort of classes across the curriculum throughout high school.
3. The Academy receives exceptional, specialized support from administration/school board.
4. The Academy secures highly trained teachers who embrace team teaching and the philosophy of the Academy.
5. The Academy provides professional development and common planning time for teachers, while including parents and the community in Academy efforts.
6. The Academy supports an active advisory board with representation from the community and mentors in the field.
7. The Academy delivers sequential, integrated and relevant curriculum to empower the student for career and college.
8. The Academy encourages community-based service learning whereby students intern and/or volunteer.
9. The Academy maintains records to show student growth including attendance, grade point average, state test scores and graduation rates.
10. The Academy reflects on its goals and mission to continually improve its program.



Career Development Explorations Information and Policy

Through field trips and guest speakers, the Fame Academy will expose students to careers and opportunities in the field of fine arts/multi-media entertainment while fostering cultural literacy. These “career development explorations” will take place once a month and will require parent permission, parent volunteers, and parent funds/fundraising to cover transportation and event costs.

In order to participate in field trips, guest speaker workshops and FAME events, students must have:

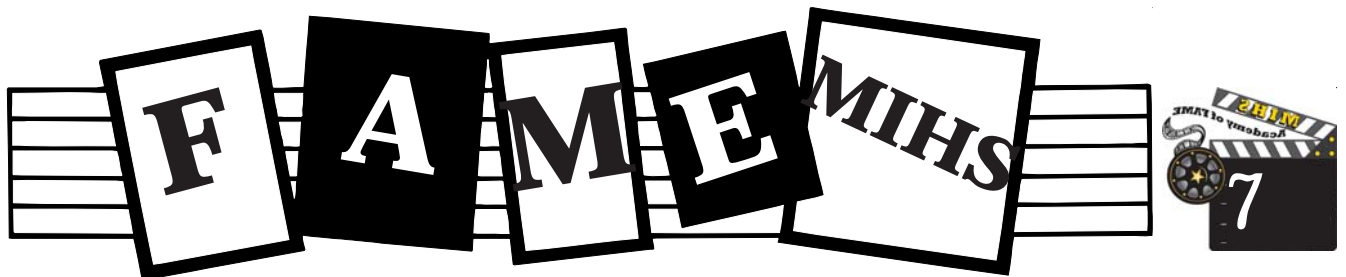
- acceptable academic standing (minimum 2.5 GPA)
- excellent conduct record
- appropriate seat time attendance (excused absences and school-related events are not exceptions)

All of the Academy students’ teachers will be notified of upcoming Academy events and decide if the student is in good standing. Each upcoming event will be another opportunity for the FAME student to participate if “good standing” is established. Ultimately, FAME events are an honor; only students who earn this honor will attend, based on the Academy Director’s discretion.

The Academy Director expects each family to respond in e-mail to give permission for the student to attend EACH field trip based on good standing. Students must follow the etiquette and dress code of the Academy. School policy requires that students use approved transportation for field trips. For this reason, students are not allowed to drive themselves to FAME events. In addition, students are not allowed to be picked up from a field trip, but instead must depart from/arrive back to MIHS in all cases.

Possible “Career Development Exploration” Field Trips Include:

Radio Stations
Newspaper/Book Publishers
TV Studios
Recording Studios
Florida Colleges and Universities including Full Sail Tech (media production)
Local theaters including King Center, Cocoa Village, Surfside and Titusville Playhouse
Dance Studios
Pottery Studios
Drafting/Engineering Corporations
Public Relations Firms
Local Musical Venues including BSO, Orlando Symphony, Merrier String Quartet
Photography Studios
Local Business’ Communications Departments
Video Production Companies
“Artist in Residence” Program through Brevard Cultural Alliance
Florida Art Museums
Gaming and Simulation Industries
Theme Park “Behind the Scenes” tours



FAME Academy Behavior, Attendance & Etiquette Policy

Behavior Policy

While attending Merritt Island High School, an Academy student is subject to Brevard County Public Schools rules for student conduct. Additional policies in the MIHS Student Planner (pages 6-28) will also be enforced. Each student of the Academy should carefully read the school's Discipline Policies and Procedures starting on page 11 of the MIHS Student Planner.

Attendance Policy

FAME students are expected to perform at the maximum level of their capabilities in all of their classes as well as their fine arts and media classes. School attendance is the direct responsibility of parents/guardians and students. All students are expected to attend school regularly and to be on time for their classes in order to benefit from the instructional program and develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline and responsibility. Even school-related events and excused absences are considered when determining if a student is eligible for a FAME "career exploration" since class seat time is critical. If FAME students do not meet the required attendance standards, they will be up for review and put on probation by their Academy Director.

- ◆ Unexcused absences of 10 days or more will result in a course failure for the semester.
- ◆ Students must submit documentation excusing the absence within 10 school days of the absence.
- ◆ Make up work is the student's responsibility and must be made up within 3 days of the absence.
- ◆ Students may not attend career development explorations with 5 or more unexcused absences.

Etiquette Policy

In the industry of FAME, students are exposed to all aspects of the fine arts and multi-media entertainment as part of their Academy culture. Students attend and participate in performances, exhibits, discussions and debates. FAME Academy students recognize the value of all works presented and demonstrate respect for all presenters. Students are expected to adhere to the following rules of etiquette during all performances, presentations, and exhibits:

- ◆ Remain quiet during every performance. Do not interact with presenters unless called upon.
- ◆ Arrive on time and remain seated for the entire performance with feet on the floor, hands to self.
- ◆ Restroom breaks should be taken at scheduled intermissions.
- ◆ Unless indicated otherwise, never bring any kind of refreshments or gum.
- ◆ Make sure cell phones and electronic devices are turned off and put away.
- ◆ During a presentation, hold applause until the presenter is finished; refrain from all shouting and whistling.
- ◆ Attire should coincide with the type and location of the event.



FAME Academy Dress Code Policy

Professional Business Attire

FAME students are expected to dress in business attire on days when guest speakers are in the classroom, during field trips for cultural events, and for special academy assemblies where the community is invited. Appearance makes an important first impression. In addition to attire, body language and manners should be a reflection of a respectful young person who desires to grow intellectually, emotionally and professionally.

Male

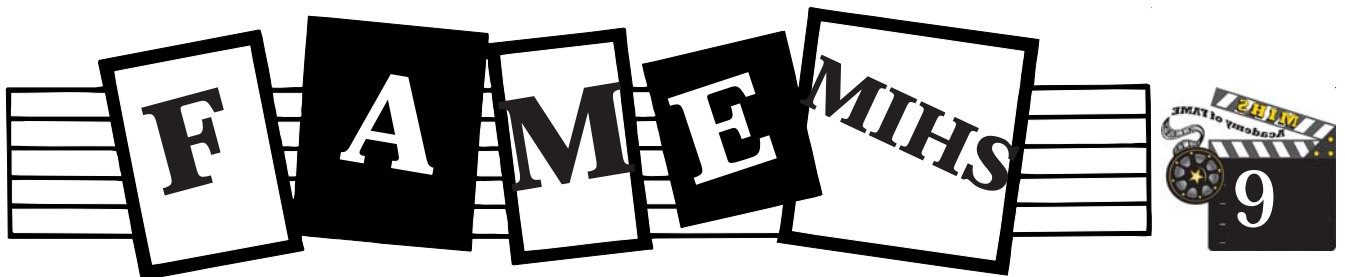
- ◆ Dress shirt with appropriate tie
- ◆ Dress slacks, belt, socks and shoes
- ◆ Shirt sleeves must be buttoned and worn down
- ◆ Eleventh and twelfth grade students should have a suit or dress jacket appropriate for a job interview, mentor meeting or career shadowing event.

Female

- ◆ Dress, suit, blouse and skirt of appropriate length (no mini-skirts or tight fitting skirts)
- ◆ Coordinating business pantsuit (no gauchos, capris, or tight fitting pants)
- ◆ Closed dress shoes (may be flat)
- ◆ Eleventh and twelfth grade students should have a suit or dress appropriate for a job interview, mentor meeting or career shadowing event.

Remember:

- ◆ DO have clean, neat and appropriate hair style
- ◆ DO have well-manicured, conservative nails
- ◆ DO have clothing clean and neatly pressed
- ◆ DO have shoes clean and professional
- ◆ NO jeans
- ◆ NO athletic shoes, flip flops or clogs
- ◆ NO t-shirts, tanks, or casual shirts
- ◆ NO tight-fitting or see-through clothing



FAME Academy Parent Involvement Opportunities

Academy parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's education. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 22nd at 5:00 pm. This parent meeting will be held immediately before the MIHS "Back to School" night (6-8 pm). Please meet the Academy Director and other Academy parents in the Media Center on Wednesday, August 22nd at 5:00 pm. **It is here that all out-of-county field trip forms will be notarized. In addition, it is here that you will turn in your \$9 CASH donation, \$15 check for the Academy t-shirt (made out to MIHS) and donated food items for upcoming Academy events (see below). THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.** Your help and assistance makes a tremendous difference in the lives of our Academy students.

ALL Academy families are responsible for costs for field trips, Academy shirts, and incidentals. There are so many ways that parents/guardians can help the Academy.

Each family is encouraged to contribute in the following ways:

Career Explorations (Field Trips)

*All FAME field trips require chaperones. Please note that **all parent/guardian volunteers must complete an online volunteer application in the front office or at the parent meeting. Volunteers must wear a visitor's tag while on campus.** In addition, if driving for a field trip, please note that all cars must be approved in the front office or at the meeting. Finally, all Academy students must have an out-of-county form signed and notarized before participation is allowed for field trips.*

"FAME FUN"

*All FAME families are expected to donate \$9 cash, one case of single-snack cookies, crackers, or chips OR one 24 pack of bottled water. If there are financial difficulties, please contact the Academy Director. **Our first FAME event will be for all FAME families on Tuesday, August 28th at the Doubletree Oceanfront in Cocoa Beach, 5:30-7:00 pm.***

FAME Academy Benefactors

All FAME families are expected to help raise funds. See final page of this handbook for copy of the form letter to reproduce and distribute to community. All donations are tax-deductible and will be recognized in the MIHS Drama Department Playbill. Sponsorship levels include:

Sapphire (donation of \$25 or more)

Ruby (donation of \$50 or more)

Diamond (donation of \$100 or more)



FAME Academy Contract for Parents

My family understands the importance of contributing to the Academy. Here is their contact information and areas of interest for their involvement. With this signature, my family is aware that they are supporting me and the policies of the Academy.

Parent(s) Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone (s) _____

E-mail(s) _____

EVERY YEAR, YOU'RE REQUIRED TO WRITE AN E-MAIL TO THE ACADEMY DIRECTOR BY AUGUST 24th (duprey.jenora@brevardschools.org) FROM EACH E-MAIL ACCOUNT YOU WISH TO RECEIVE ACADEMY INFORMATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. INCLUDE IN THE MEMO LINE: STUDENT NAME, PARENT NAME , GRADE & "FAME ACADEMY"

_____ I am coming to the Parent's Meeting on August 22nd at 5:00 pm in the Media Center. I will bring my food donations. I will bring \$9 cash for future food purchases. I will bring a check for \$15 (made out to MIHS) for the Academy t-shirt, (anyone new to the academy must get a shirt, and any returning members may buy the new white shirt if they would like.) I will complete my out-of-county notarization form (forms available at meeting). **If I am not at the Parent Meeting, I will send in these goods and information to the Academy Director by Friday, August 24th.**

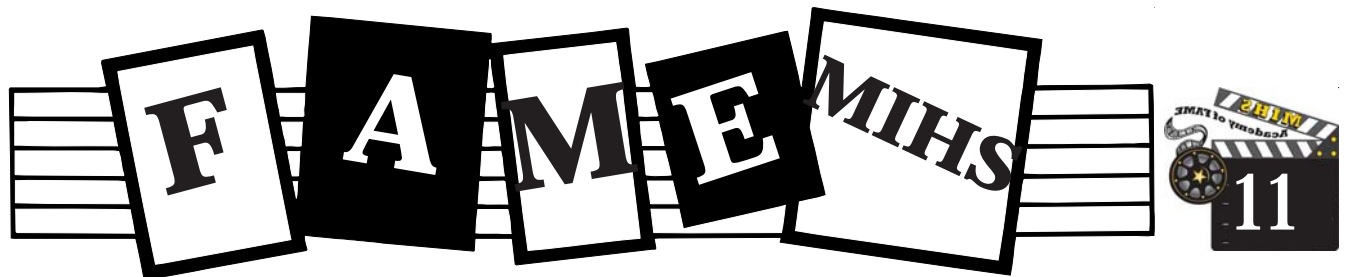
_____ I am a parent who wants to go on field trips AND will complete an online volunteer application in the front office (Check here _____ if also fingerprinted).

_____ I am a parent who wishes to help out with monthly FAME FRIDAYS where the students enjoy a lunch break. My email address is _____

_____ Here is my optional tax-deductible donation of \$_____ as a Benefactor of the Academy. My family will be recognized in the MIHS Drama Playbill at the sponsorship level of _____ (Sapphire, Ruby or Diamond) as noted on page 10. Enclosed is my check made out to MIHS Academy of FAME.

_____ I have read and understand this Academy Handbook and the important part I play in my child's education. I might still have questions, such as

Parent Signature _____ (date) _____



FAME Academy Contract for Student

I have read, understood and agree to comply with Academy policies. With my initials, I indicate that I understand each item. By my signature, I am fully aware that I am responsible for following all Academy policies.

- _____ FAME Educational Policy w/ Grades & Portfolio Requirement (pg. 5)
- _____ FAME Academy Career Development Explorations Policy (pg. 7)
- _____ FAME Academy Behavior, Attendance & Etiquette Policy (pg. 8)
- _____ FAME Academy Dress Code Policy (pg. 9)

_____ I have e-mailed the Academy Director from my e-mail account so that I can receive Academy information throughout the year.

Student Name **Printed** _____

Student Name **Signature** _____ (date) _____

Student e-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

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Birthday _____ Primary Concentration _____
(Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Technical Arts)

Class Schedule:	Subject	Teacher	Room #
First Period	_____	/ _____	/ _____
Second Period	_____	/ _____	/ _____
Third Period	_____	/ _____	/ _____
Fourth Period	_____	/ _____	/ _____
First or Second Lunch	_____		
Fifth Period	_____	/ _____	/ _____
Sixth Period	_____	/ _____	/ _____
Seventh Period	_____	/ _____	/ _____

**To contact the FAME Academy Director, please e-mail Mrs. Jenora Duprey:
duprey.jenora@brevardschools.org**



Would you like to be a FAME Academy Benefactor?



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In order to accomplish this mission, community support is needed. Would you like to help us? Your donation is tax-deductible and will be recognized in the MIHS Drama Playbill. There are different sponsorship levels and every donation helps our FAME Academy grow into a nationally-recognized program that will bring our Merritt Island community great distinction.

Thank you for your donation (checks made out to MIHS Academy of FAME). Please check your sponsorship level and the name/business to be recognized in the MIHS Drama Playbill:

_____ Sapphire (donation of \$25 or more)
_____ Ruby (donation of \$50 or more)
_____ Diamond (donation of \$100 or more)

NAME OF FAMILY OR BUSINESS TO RECOGNIZE:

Address _____

Phone Number _____

(Optional: In support of _____ FAME student)

**To contact the Academy Director:
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