

BOOKER HIGH SCHOOL



2017-2018 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. Any student who is enrolled at Booker High School is encouraged to take the Law Academy CORE classes (as electives outside of being a member of the Law Academy, after consultation with his/her guidance counselor)
2. Law Academy advanced courses (in Law Studies and Criminal Justice) are only offered to students who are members of the Law Academy. Some exceptions may be made (on a case by case basis) for upperclassmen who are transferring to Booker High School from other schools.
3. Law Academy courses (Business Law and AICE) are open to any student who is enrolled at Booker High School. Law Academy students are responsible to monitor their course choices (with the help of their guidance counselors and Law Academy Team).
4. In order to receive Law Academy Diploma recognition, students must earn a minimum of 75% in all of the CORE classes (4 credits), and an additional 4 credits from any of the other course lists (see Diploma Chart).
5. All first year Law Academy students are expected to take Research (Speech and Debate), Critical Thinking/ Introduction to Law Studies, and Criminal Justice I.
6. All Law Academy students will be especially recognized at graduation for their participation in both the classes and extracurricular activities related to the Law Academy. Students will receive Law Academy medallions to supplement their graduation attire. Additionally, their diplomas will have a special stamp issued by the Sarasota County Bar Association's Diversity Committee.
7. Upper level Law Academy classes, including Criminal Justice III and IV, Comprehensive Law Honors, and Constitutional Law Honors are considered advanced, and do, in fact, earn additional credit toward a student's Grade Point Average.
8. Law Academy students who successfully meet the CTE requirements for the course projection completer (see Business Law Courses and Criminal Justice Courses on the Diploma Sheet) are potentially eligible for the Gold Seal Vocational portion of the Bright Future Scholarships.

9. Law Academy students who are graduating in the academic year 2018 will be recognized apart from completing the 2017-2018 diploma requirements (on a case by case basis). As long as students are active in the program and are taking appropriate Law Academy courses they are eligible to receive diploma recognition.
10. Law Academy students who graduate in the academic year 2018 (and beyond) are expected to have completed the Law Academy credit requirements as they are specifically presented in these documents (exceptions may be made, but are rare).
11. Law Academy students must meet all student expectations and requirements (as designated) on a continual basis. Any student who is not meeting these requirements will be placed on probation. If the student does not recover and meet the expectations in question within one academic quarter, he/she is subject to formal expulsion from the program. The final decision on student removal belongs to the Law Academy Team (headed by the Law Academy Coordinator), with the approval of the Principal.
12. Law Academy students are expected to take the ACT and/or SAT in their junior and/or senior year in order to better prepare them for college/university and graduate programs.
13. Students who are standing members of the Law Academy may not voluntarily exit from the Law Academy without completing the necessary paperwork. This process ensures that students (and parents/guardians of students) who exit from the program clearly understand all of the repercussions for their academic decision.
14. The Law Academy is focused particularly on experiential and community-based learning. Law Academy students are expected to consistently attend Law Academy sponsored field trips and guest speaker opportunities, as well as partake in law-related field experience internships opportunities that are offered. Students are always responsible for making up missed work from other classes *on their own time*.
15. Law Academy students will also be competing in programs such as Mock Trial, Moot Court, and Speech and Debate competitions, as well as partaking in Teen Court *outside of school time* (evenings and weekends) on a regular basis.
16. Prospective applicants to the Law Academy should complete the BHS Law Academy Application (found on the website) and return it to the Law Academy Coordinator either electronically or as a paper copy. Only complete applications will be reviewed. Applicants should expect to hear a response within one month of their application date. Please contact the Law Academy Coordinator directly with any questions.