

ACADEMIES OF LEARNING

Background

The District supports the concept of providing “specialty academies” that emphasize a particular sport, activity or subject area where there is sufficient demand and community support for such a program, provided that an additional academy is aligned with the current priorities of the school district. It is understood that the extra costs associated with an academy, that are above and beyond that of a standard educational program, may be charged to the participants.

Procedures

1. Proposals for a fee-paying academy will be directed to the Superintendent’s office using Form F-230-1. This form includes an endorsement of the academy by the school’s School Planning Council.
2. Upon receipt of the proposal, the Superintendent or designate will review its compatibility and merit to determine if the proposal of an academy will proceed to further review.
3. An outline of the proposed academy will be presented to the District Leadership Team for discussion and assessment.
4. If the District Leadership Team supports the proposal, an outline will be presented to the Board of Education. The outline will include:
 - a. Purpose of program;
 - b. Identification of students to be served;
 - c. General description of program and location if determined;
 - d. Expected outcomes;
 - e. Preliminary financial analysis.
5. The Superintendent will recommend to the board to proceed and/or possible next steps.
6. Principals will be advised.
7. Implementation plan will be developed
 - a. Rationale
 - b. Timeline
 - c. Fees
8. Any fees to be charged must be in compliance with Administrative Procedure 240

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