



Student Name: _____ GRADE _____

First Last

HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY OF ARTS

Agreement of Understanding, 2018-2019

(To be completed for admission to the Howard Academy of Arts and every year thereafter)

Howard Middle School Academy of Arts is a safe and enthusiastic community of learners where every student reaches intellectual, social and creative potential. With the support and guidance of parents, staff and community members, the students will build a foundation to successfully participate as members of society in the 21st century.

In order to maintain the educational environment that will be the foundation for success, the students and parents who choose the Howard Middle School Academy of Arts Magnet Program will be required to adhere to the following:

- Students are expected not only to attend school daily, but be prompt in arriving to class. Written excuses must accompany any absence. Students who have accumulated 10 unexcused absences in a 90 day period will be placed on probation per the provisions listed below. Please note that 5 unexcused tardies equals 1 unexcused absence.
- Students must maintain a 2.0 or higher quarterly GPA.
- Students and parents must demonstrate and support appropriate behavior and follow the OCPS Student Code of Conduct with exemplary behavior (i.e., no Level 3 discipline referrals.)
- Students must maintain an ability to accommodate magnet course requirements in their schedule.
- Students will enroll in the most advanced core courses as appropriate.
- Students and parents will completely support all of the academic requirements. (Students will be prepared for class each day with all required supplies. Parent(s) will review classwork and homework with their child.)
- Students will follow and support homework policies which include practicing at home. (All assignments must be completed/turned in on time.)
- Students will participate in required exhibits, performances, competitions, or auditions including MPA, All County, State Art Assessment, etc.
- Students will enroll in at least two Magnet Arts Courses, one of which must be in their major, each year. Any deviation from these requirements must be approved by the Principal or Magnet Coordinator.
- Students will maintain a portfolio of work (digital or physical).
- Students must maintain all the “specific requirements” outlined in the Magnet Handbook.
- All 8th grade students are required to complete a capstone project in their major.

Upon acceptance to the Howard magnet program, students and parents are required to sign an agreement of understanding indicating certain academic, attendance, and behavioral requirements of the magnet program. Students who fail to meet the standards set forth by the magnet program will be placed on an appropriate probation for one grading period. The probationary form will be completed and signed by all applicable parties. If the violation is corrected during the specified time period, the probation will no longer apply. If there is insufficient improvement at the conclusion of the probation period, the student will be exited from the Howard magnet program and will be required to return to his/her zoned school at the end of the first semester, or the end of the school year, whichever occurs first.

I have read and understand my responsibilities as a Howard Middle School Academy of Arts Magnet Program student and parent.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

BRING THIS COMPLETED AGREEMENT WITH YOU WHEN REGISTERING

Updated 8//20/2018