HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY OF ARTS Magnet Contract

(To be completed for admission to the Howard Academy of Arts)

Howard Middle School Academy of Arts is a safe and enthusiastic community of learners where every student reaches their intellectual, social and creative potential. With the support and guidance of parents, staff and community members, Howard 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, students and parents who choose the Howard Middle School Academy of Arts Magnet Program will be required to adhere to the following:

- Students must maintain a 2.0 or higher quarterly GPA and have no failing grades.
- Students must demonstrate appropriate behavior and follow the OCPS Student Code of Conduct with exemplary behavior. Receiving a Level 3 or 4 referral will result in probation and/or dismissal. Two Level 3 referrals may result in dismissal. One Level 4 referral may result in dismissal.
- Students must maintain an ability to accommodate magnet course requirements in their schedule.
- Students must meet OCPS attendance requirements.
- Students will participate in required exhibits, performances, competitions, or auditions including MPA, All County, State Art Assessment, etc. Students will abide by teacher expectations for after school practice requirements.
- Students will enroll in at least two Arts Courses each year and maintain a progression in at least one area. Any deviation from these requirements must be approved by the Principal, Assistant Principal, or Magnet Coordinator.
- Students will maintain a portfolio of work (digital or physical).
- Students must maintain all other "specific requirements" outlined in the Magnet Handbook.
- All 8th grade students will complete a capstone project.

Upon acceptance to Howard Middle School Academy of Arts, students and parents are required to sign an agreement of understanding (Magnet Contract) indicating certain academic, program, attendance, and behavioral requirements of the magnet program. Students who fail to meet the academic and program standards set forth by the magnet program will be placed on probation for one grading period for academic or program violations. For behavioral violations, the probationary period will last through the end of the semester or school year, whichever comes first. 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 may be exited from the Howard magnet program and may be required to return to his/her/their zoned school at the end of the first semester, or the end of the school year, whichever occurs first. Under extenuating circumstances immediate dismissal is at the discretion of administration.

A student on probation may not be permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activities or functions (i.e. dances, school sponsored after school events, clubs, athletics, etc.)

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

Student signature: To be acknowledged via HMS Contract Google Form

Date: Google Form Submission Date will be used

Parent/Guardian signature: To be acknowledged via HMS Contract Google Form

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