

Leadership Development Experience

Freshman Year – Exploring Leadership and Critical Thinking

Focus – Challenging reading and related team-building activities

Sophomore Year – A Student-Leader's Role Within School

Focus – Fostering leadership within school

Junior Year – A Student-Leader's Role Throughout the World

Focus-Student Leaders will engage in an experience outside of school during the summer

Senior Year – A Reflection of Experiences and Intellectual Development

Focus-The student will present their experience as part of their senior project. They will assist in the development of Underclassmen enrolled in the AP Leadership Academy.

Requirements

- ◆ Student will maintain an overall GPA of 3.5
- ◆ Successful completion of seven AP Classes
- ◆ Student will sit for all seven related AP exams
- ◆ Student will achieve a total of 18 AP Points
- ◆ Completion of in-county summer leadership development programs
- ◆ Participation in **The Choices Program** while taking AP Government
- ◆ Participation in **National History Day** competition while taking either AP World History or AP US History (Student can take both classes, if they wish)
- ◆ Summer leadership experience after junior year
- ◆ Senior year presentation and portfolio

Admission to the
Academic Leadership Academy
is through application
and is based on
previous academic performance
and leadership potential.



South Hagerstown
High School

*Academic Leadership
Academy*

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SHHS Academic Leadership Academy

A
Commitment
to
Excellence
in
Scholarship
and
Leadership

Mission

South Hagerstown High School's Academic Leadership Academy prepares high achieving learners for a lifetime of leadership through service.

Vision

The Academic Leadership Academy will become one of Washington County School District's signature academic programs furthering its commitment to a "World Class Education."

Signature Program

The South Hagerstown High School Academic Leadership Academy is a signature program for motivated and academically capable students who commit to a challenging program of studies which provides leadership opportunities and prepares them for entrance into selective colleges and universities. The program extends beyond the school day and includes summer learning opportunities.

School-based Leadership Opportunities

- ◆ Student Government Association
- ◆ Link Crew
- ◆ Class Officers and Representatives
- ◆ National Honor Society Officers
- ◆ Diversity Achievement Council
- ◆ School Newspaper
- ◆ Club Officers
- ◆ Athletic Team Captains
- ◆ The Academic Competition Team
- ◆ The Mock Trial Team
- ◆ Peer Tutor Program

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) courses offer highly motivated students the opportunity to take college level courses in high school and earn college credits. Academic Leadership Academy students will enroll in Advanced Placement classes beginning in 10th grade. Students will take a minimum of seven Advanced Placement courses including AP Government, AP English Language, AP World History, AP Literature, AP Geography, and one or more AP Mathematics, AP Science, or AP World Language courses. Students will be expected to take the Advanced Placement exam for each AP course studied.

Benefits

- ◆ Membership in a small learning community dedicated to and high standard of academics and leadership development
- ◆ Additional support via an academic advisor
- ◆ Exposure to enriching activities to foster intellectual development
- ◆ Commendation at graduation
- ◆ Transcript notation