- Academies & Pathways

Online at: www.smcps.org/academies

Academy of Finance

The Academy of Finance (AoF) is offered at all three SMCPS high schools. AoF students develop professional skills, receive specialized instruction with a focus on business, finance, and management, and gain an awareness of the marketable skills needed to be

successful in those fields. Students acquire practical skills via field experiences, internship opportunities, and course projects. AoF is a CTE completer pathway as well as an academic academy program.



Academy of Visual and Performing Arts

SMCPS's signature art program, the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) is located at CHS. This academic academy strives to support talented students who exhibit desire and motivation to pursue higher levels of achievement and learning in the arts.

Students participating in the AVPA chose one of five focus areas (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Theatre, or Visual Arts) to which academy coursework and projects are tailored.



STEM

Housed at GMHS, the STEM academy is a rigorous program of study emphasizing the core areas of mathematics and science with an infusion of technology and engineering. The curriculum includes dedicated research classes founded upon the application

of mastered material, integrated contemporary technologies, and extensive problem-solving experience. AP courses are incorporated to provide experiences for rigor and college/career readiness.



Global International Studies

Students choosing to enroll in the Academy of Global and International Studies (GIS) are prepared to take on a rigorous humanities-based curriculum. Located within LHS, GIS provides a rigorous, engaging education that prepares today's graduates to meet

the challenges of life in a global age. Students participating in the GIS program have an opportunity to learn about world cultures, current affairs, history, and languages.



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