

Olympians Advanced Placement Academy
SY 25-26 Rising 9th Grade Application



Olympic Heights Community High School

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Olympic Heights Community High School Olympians Advanced Placement Academy (OHCHS OAPA) **

What is the Olympians Advanced Placement Academy?

The Olympic Heights Community High School's Olympians Advanced Placement Academy is a very elite, accelerated, and rigorous program of study promoting the successful completion of advanced course work. It offers a challenging and comprehensive curriculum to a select group of academically talented students from the Olympic Heights community.

How does my acceptance to this academy benefit me?

Listed below are JUST A FEW of the benefits of Academy acceptance:

- *Students will follow an interest and skill-based honors, AP, and AICE course track beginning freshman year.
- *Students will enjoy yearly college planning.
- *Students can potentially graduate high school having earned enough college credits to begin college as a sophomore.
- *Students will have the benefit of carefully selected high quality instructors.
- *Students will be assigned an exclusive OAPA school counselor for their four years of high school.
- *Students will be monitored and tracked for success by academy coordinators, teachers, and counselors.

Who is eligible to apply? *

Students who meet and/or exceed ALL of the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- *must have earned ALL A and B grades in ALL courses during their seventh and eighth grade years, **AND 8th grade core classes (English, math, science, social studies) must have been at the high school and/or honors/advanced level. Students with A and B grades in high school credit classes will be ranked higher than those without high school credit courses. Students with "C" grades for 8th grade, whether earned for the quarter or semester, will not be admitted.**
- *must have earned a 4 or 5 on the FAST ELA Reading in 7th grade and on the FAST ELA Reading in 8th grade (pending 8th grade scores)
- *must have earned a 4 or 5 on the FAST Math PM3 or the BEST Standards Algebra I EOC exam in 7th grade and/or on the B.E.S.T. Algebra I EOC or Geometry EOC in 8th grade (pending 8th grade scores)
- *must be on track to take either Geometry Honors or Algebra II Honors or higher in ninth grade; **students not on track to take Geometry Honors, Algebra II Honors, or higher will NOT be admitted.**

How do I apply?*

Students interested in applying must **COMPLETELY fill out** the application packet attached to this flyer AND they must submit ALL required supporting documentation (see next page for required documentation). **Students submitting incomplete packets or packets without ALL supporting documentation will not be considered for acceptance** (see next page for required documentation).

When do I apply?*

My COMPLETED application packet must be submitted to my middle school counselor OR to Ms. Kelly Lawrence by **Friday, January 31, 2025. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered for acceptance.**

Who can give me additional information?

OAPA Coordinator, Ms. Kelly Lawrence (kelly.lawrence@palmbeachschools.org)

***Meeting standards and/or criteria does NOT guarantee acceptance, as space is limited. Students will be awarded points and ranked according to qualifications met; if more than 100 applicants are eligible, we will implement a lottery system for final acceptance decisions.**

****Only students zoned to attend Olympic Heights AND/OR accepted to an Olympic Heights choice academy are eligible to apply for the Olympians Advanced Placement Academy. OAPA is NOT a CHOICE program.**

School Board of Palm Beach County
Olympic Heights Community High School
Olympians Advanced Placement Academy: 9th Grade
For School Year 2025-2026

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDED _____

STUDENT ID# _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

STUDENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CHOICE ACADEMIES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED (this question is for data collection purposes only and does NOT impact admission):

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Student information sheet
2. Signed and Completed Parent/Guardian information sheet
3. Copy of Final Grade 7 report card
4. Copy of **1st SEMESTER** (January, 2025) report card for Grade 8 (must include both 1st and 2nd quarters)
5. Copy of your most recent (2024) FAST (Reading) **AND** (2024) FAST Math PM3 and/or BEST-EOC (Math) test scores; we will obtain your 2025 scores. Students who have attended private and/or out-of-state schools must submit most recent standardized test scores (CTP, ERB, SAT, IOWA, etc....).
6. Signed Advanced Placement Academy student expectations policy

Completed application is due by Friday, January 31, 2025 to:

Your Middle School Guidance Counselor who will then forward the completed packet to Ms. Lawrence at Olympic Heights.

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Parent/Guardian Information Sheet

STUDENT NAME _____ STUDENT ID # _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(IF DIFFERENT)

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I have read the Advanced Placement Academy information and commit my full support to my child's participation. **I understand that meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission to the program and that the selection committee's decision is final.** Additionally, I recognize that my child will have to maintain a combined and cumulative UNWEIGHTED GPA of 3.0 or better each quarter, semester, and school-year to remain in the program, and that my child will be dismissed from the program if he/she earns any quarter or semester grade lower than a "C." Students and parents will also be required to sign a copy of the OHCHS OAPA Student Expectations document governing student behaviors and questions of honor. I also understand that my child will be dismissed if he/she is in violation of any academic, behavior, and/or honors expectation.

I will ensure that my child has uninterrupted study time daily and will make every attempt to give him/her access to a computer, printer, flash drives, and the internet. I will also commit my support to the Olympians Advanced Placement Academy teachers by following their guidance regarding further study in order to insure my child's successful completion of the program he/she has chosen. I understand that the expectation for compliance with the OAPA pathway includes taking a minimum of ten (10) on-campus Cambridge AICE and/or College Board Advanced Placement classes over the four years (9th: minimum 1 or more in addition to the AICE English General Paper course; 10th: minimum 1 or more in addition to the AICE English Language course; 11th–12th: minimum 3 or more per year, respectively).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Olympic Heights Community High School Olympians Advanced Placement Academy Student Expectations Contract for SY 2025-2026

The OAPA instructional team at Olympic Heights Community High School is dedicated to ensuring the continued excellence and integrity of the OAPA program. It is the expectation that both students and parents support the academic goals and policies of the program in which they are involved. Scholarship, honor, attendance, and integrity are essential components to the success of the OAPA program. The instructors in the OAPA program, in cooperation with the administration at OHCHS, have the right to determine the seriousness of breaches of integrity and lapses in attendance and academic performance and how these issues affect the overall quality of the program and the success of individual students in the OAPA program.

Students in the Olympic Heights Community High School Olympians Advanced Placement Academy are required to maintain the following standards, practices, and expectations:

***Each student must keep an unweighted 3.0 GPA in ALL classes, core, required, and elective.** Each student's progress will be reviewed at each reporting period (progress reports and report cards) and students with unsatisfactory progress (grades below "C" and/or quarter, semester, or cumulative UNWEIGHTED GPAs under 3.0) will be given ONE reporting period (until the next reporting period) to improve their GPA to the required standards. Students not showing adequate recovery and improvement will be dismissed from the program.

*** Each student must show exemplary and acceptable behavior in class and at all OHCHS-related activities.** Any disciplinary action and/or referral will be cause for dismissal from the program.

*** Each student must maintain consistent and timely attendance in classes.** Each student shall miss no more than five (5) classes per semester without extenuating circumstances (academic and/or elective, excused and/or unexcused). Excessive absences and/or tardies will result in removal from the program.

*** Each student must submit original and properly cited work and assignments that are the product of his/her own efforts and NOT the efforts of other persons/entities/artificial intelligence.** Each student shall submit ORIGINAL work free of plagiarism from other sources (including but not limited to textbooks, magazines, the internet, other persons, various media). Submitting plagiarized work of any sort will result in dismissal from the program. Any and all kinds of cheating and/or academic dishonesty will result in dismissal from the program.

***Each student must maintain academic and behavioral honesty in ALL OHCHS-related classes and endeavors.** Any and all kinds of cheating and/or academic dishonesty will result in dismissal from the program. Any and ALL disciplinary, behavioral, and/or honesty violations will result in dismissal from the program.

***Each student must successfully complete a minimum of ten (10) on-campus Cambridge AICE and/or College Board AP (advanced placement) courses over the course of his/her four years in the academy** (9th: minimum 1 or more in addition to the AICE English General Paper course; 10th: minimum 1 or more in addition to the AICE English Language course; 11th–12th: minimum 3 or more per year, respectively), **AND each student's CORE courses must be at the honors, AICE, and/or AP level.** Failure to enroll in, be recommended for, and/or successfully complete CORE course work at the honors, AICE, and/or AP level will result in dismissal from the program.

***Each student must pass each of his/her Cambridge AICE exams with an A-E and/or College Board AP exams with a 3 or higher.** Failure to pass two or more Cambridge AICE and/or AP Exams may result in dismissal from the program.

***Each student must successfully serve a minimum of 25 community service hours per year for a total of 100 by the time of graduation.** Students may begin earning hours the summer before freshman year.

***In order to earn an OAPA honor cord for graduation, each student must meet ALL of the above requirements, be current with his/her yearly OAPA fee, AND attend 75% or more of the OAPA meetings held through the course of the school year.** Failure to meet all of the above requirements, submit the OAPA fee, and/or attend 75% or more of the OAPA meetings will result in a failure to earn and be awarded an OAPA honor cord for graduation.

Failure to adhere to any of the above criteria WILL result in removal from the program.

I understand and support these criteria as a necessary part of the Olympians Advanced Placement Academy.

Name of Student	Signature	Date

Name of Parent/Guardian	Signature	Date

This will be kept on file within the OAPA Program and used during review of any situation listed above.