

**HAMMOCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRE-LAW MAGNET
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S ONLY PRE-LAW MIDDLE SCHOOL
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**BASIC MAGNET INFORMATION
&
ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- **WHAT IS HAMMOCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRE-LAW MAGNET PHILOSOPHY?**

The Hammocks Middle School Pre-Law Magnet is a unique and innovative program in Miami-Dade County. This concept-based program engages students from sixth through eighth grade in a curriculum designed to examine the issues related to legal studies. The law curriculum is presented through core classes and includes an in-depth study of law history, the judicial system, forensic science, persuasive and legal writing, mediation, conflict resolution, policy-making, and global ethics issues. Additional elective classes are offered to magnet students such as, Speech and Debate and Forensic Art. The program provides students with interdisciplinary experiences that examine these concepts through a collaborative, inquiry-based learning process. Students apply what they learn in a state-of-the-art learning courtroom located on campus which is designed to give students the opportunity to try cases and engage in legal simulations and mock trials.

The goal of the magnet program is to develop an in-depth understanding of the tenets of the legal system and all that it encompasses. This is achieved through a study of the foundations of the law, applications of the law, and the ramifications of the law. Students leave the program to continue their studies at magnet high schools throughout the District with an extensive foundation of the judicial system and with the foundation necessary to pursue careers in law, criminal justice, policy-making, politics, and global service.

- **WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE MAGNET PROGRAM?**

THE MAGNET LEAD TEACHER IS MS. LLANO-SCHERKER AND HER EXTENSION IS 2214.

- **WHO ARE THE TEACHERS IN THE PROGRAM?**

MR. BOGIE – SOCIAL STUDIES
MS. COLLIER – LANGUAGE ARTS
MS. GARCIA – FORENSIC ART
MR. GUTIERREZ – SOCIAL STUDIES
MS. HAUGABROOK – SOCIAL STUDIES
MS. IZQUIERDO – LANGUAGE ARTS
MS. QUESADA – SOCIAL STUDIES
MS. RYAN – SPEECH AND DEBATE
MS. SNOW – LANGUAGE ARTS

THE LAW CURRICULUM IS TAUGHT THROUGH LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES WITH ADDITIONAL STUDIES IN FORENSIC ART AND SPEECH AND DEBATE.

- **HOW DO I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM?**

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FROM OCTOBER 1ST AND JANUARY 15TH - YOU CAN GET THE APPLICATION AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE SCHOOL, BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE <http://hammocks.dadeschools.net> , AND CLICKING ON THE MAGNET LINK.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED **ONLINE** OR **MAILED** TO:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ATTN: SCHOOL CHOICE & PARENTAL OPTIONS – APPLICATIONS
1501 NE 2ND AVE, SUITE 237
MIAMI, FL 33132

REMEMBER TO SELECT “HAMMOCKS MS PRE-LAW” ON THE APPLICATION.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.

STUDENTS WILL BE MADE ELIGIBLE BASED ON CRITERIA AND RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON, OR AROUND, MARCH 15TH IF THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED.

- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

STUDENTS WHO WILL BE IN GRADES 6, 7, OR 8 FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR, MUST HAVE A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 2.0 IN CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES (LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES) AND IN CONDUCT. ALL EFFORT GRADES IN CORE CLASSES MUST BE A “2” OR BETTER. NO MORE THAN 10 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FOR PREVIOUS SCHOOLYEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED.

- **DO YOU HAVE MAGNET TOURS?**

TOURS ARE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS FROM 9:30 TO 10:15 AM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL 305-385-0896 AND ASK TO SPEAK WITH MS. ZUZO, OR MS. CODINA. STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND THE TOUR WITH THEIR PARENTS AND WILL RECEIVE A LATE PASS TO SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE TOUR.

- **IS THERE TRANSPORTATION TO THE SCHOOL?**

TRANSPORTATION IS BASED ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE. THERE ARE ALSO MANY PRIVATE BUSES THAT TRAVEL TO HAMMOCKS FROM SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS.

- **WHAT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS GO ON TO HAMMOCKS?**

CLAUDE PEPPER, CHRISTINA EVE, DANTE FASCELL, GILBERT PORTER, AND OLIVER HOOVER

- **DO THE MAGNET STUDENTS GO ON TO MAGNET HIGH SCHOOLS?**

YES, OUR STUDENTS GO ON TO MANY OF THE BEST MAGNET HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

• **ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE STUDENTS?**

YES, THESE INCLUDE:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Offering a full curriculum spectrum:
Advanced, Honors, Gifted, and
High School Level Courses, iPrep Math,
A College Board, SpringBoard School

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Art
Dance
Drama
Foreign Languages
Music: Band, Chorus, Guitar
Physical Education
Yearbook

MAGNET ELECTIVES

Forensic Art
Speech and Debate

CLUBS

Art
Chess
Dance
Future Educators of America
National Junior Honor Society
Student Council
Television Production
Thespians

SPORTS

Basketball
Cross Country
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Volleyball
Wrestling

The school also offers a free before school
fitness & nutrition program, as well as afterschool homeroom help.