

Global Studies and World Languages Academy

With the explosion of the Internet and 24-hour cable news, the world has become a much smaller place. It's easier for students to understand world events and see the role they have in shaping the future. At Tallwood High School's Global Studies and World Languages Academy students will explore international businesses, issues and cultures, helping them become productive world citizens. The school-within-a-school provides opportunities to investigate the international job market and examine international careers.



What courses are offered?

In addition to advanced coursework in English, math, social studies and science, students sign up for a series of electives including Global Studies Journalism, World Religion, Cultural Anthropology, Global Communications, International Foods, and Music and Art of various cultures. The study of two world languages is required. Choices include French, German, Spanish, Latin, Japanese, or Russian. The Global Studies Academy is the only school in the division to offer classes in Chinese and Arabic.

REQUIRED COURSES

Grades 9 and 10

- World Literature I&II
- Global Studies I&II

Grades 9,10,11 and 12

- World Languages

Grade 9

- Global Ecology
- Global Issues (*Semester*)
- International Careers (*Semester*)

Grade 10

- Global Culture Seminar (*Semester*)

Grade 11

- Global Economics (*Semester*)

Grade 12

- Global Systems (*Semester*)

Is bus transportation provided?

Transportation to Tallwood High School will be provided by the school division. Students will be notified of their designated pick-up point after acceptance into the Academy.

What about clubs and sports?

The Global Studies and World Languages Academy offers a variety of after-school programs and intramural sports programs. Students can snack in the world language immersion café during club meetings, or take part in unique sports programs like fencing and lacrosse.

What else is unique about the Academy?

Partnerships with the Hampton Roads Maritime Association, International businesses, and state universities and colleges help students develop skills needed for careers in foreign service, international manufacturing and management, and global economics. Opportunities for foreign travel may be offered in the future.

Eligibility, Application and Selection

The Tallwood High School Global Studies and World Languages Academy opens Fall 2005 with 100 ninth graders. Applications are available now at all Virginia Beach Middle Schools or online at vbschools.com. The application deadline is March 1, 2005. Students will be chosen by a selection committee based the following:

- Academic achievement including grades and SOL test scores
- Interest in world languages
- Essay showing strong interest in global studies
- Teacher and parent recommendations

The Academy will enroll 100 freshmen each subsequent year until it reaches capacity in 2008-2009.

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