



Miami Carol City Senior High School

Center of Legal and Public Affairs – *Frequently Asked Questions*

1 – What are the minimum requirements to be admitted into the Law Magnet Program?

- 2.0 g.p.a.
- No less than “B” average in conduct
- No more than 10 unexcused absences

****Suggested 2.5 be maintained throughout high school as most students take advanced and honors classes***

2 – Is transportation provided by the school or district?

There is not a magnet bus which transports students participating in the Law Magnet program. If a student lives within the transportation service zone OR can get to a transportation service zone, he or she may be able to ride a bus routed for Miami Carol City Senior High School. *Transportation options vary year to year. If transportation is needed, please inquire upon admission.* Parents / guardians are responsible for transporting students that live outside of the transportation service zone.

3 – Will my child graduate with a certification?

Our Criminal Justice program offers a 911 dispatch certification. While three courses of Criminal Justice are offered, students must have at least (2) classes of Criminal Justice to take the 911 dispatch course and obtain a certification. Students in the legal strand may be able to take the certification course depending on their schedule.

4 – Will my child receive college credit?

Students in the legal strand will receive (6) hours of FREE college credit in their 10th grade year. We offer Introduction to Business Law I and Introduction to Criminal Justice. Students must have a 2.5 unweighted g.p.a. at the start of the course AND must pass the course with no less than a “C” to receive the college credit.

5 – Will my child have the opportunity to visit colleges?

Throughout the year, we make every effort to partner with local colleges and take campus tours. Our program has a partnership with St. Thomas University Law School (STU) and offers dual enrollment through STU, as well as, Florida Memorial University. Additionally, we have a longstanding relationship with Miami Dade College. In previous years, we have taken college tours to FSU, FAMU, FIU, UCF, USF, UF, Fort Valley State University, Spelman College, Morehouse College, and Clark Atlanta University.

6 – Will my child be required to intern?

Our school provides internship opportunities to students each year. Additionally, we have community partners and alumni who offer internships to students. To intern, students must apply and meet specific requirements to be assigned.

7- Do students participate in competitions?

All students will compete in a minimum of (1) competition each year which is part of their grade. While competitions vary from year to year, the most common competitions are mock trial, We the People, Project Citizen, and Model UN.

8 – What classes will my child take in the Law Magnet program?

In the legal strand, the current courses are Comprehensive Law Honors, Dual Enrollment Introduction to Business Law I, Dual Enrollment Introduction to Criminal Justice, Legal Systems and Court Procedure Honors, and Constitutional Law Honors. In the criminal justice strand, students take Criminal Justice Operations I, II, and III. Their final course is 911 dispatch. Courses are subject to change each year.

9 – Will my child need professional dress clothes?

Yes! Students will be required to dress professionally for class on “*Dress for Success*” days, the Wednesday for which they have law class. Students will receive a participation grade for meeting the “*Dress for Success*” criteria, which amounts to a quiz/test grade each nine weeks.

Students must be in full professional dress attire and must remain dressed in professional attire for the duration of the school day to receive credit. The first “Dress for Success” day is usually in September and will be announced the first week of school.

All students will need at least one pair of black or navy blue dress slacks, a button down white, blue or neutral shirt, a black or navy blue blazer, and a pair of black dress shoes.

Throughout the year, students will be given the opportunity to participate in activities that provide exposure to the legal and law enforcement professions. Boys will need a tie and a belt.

There will be times when students are asked to dress in professional attire and professional attire will be mandatory for participation in certain activities. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to invest in additional professional clothing (i.e. dress slacks blue, black, or gray slacks, tie, dress shoes, collared shirt, business dress suit, and/or pantsuit).

10 – What is Student Court?

Student Court is a diversion program in which student disciplinary cases (violations of school rules) are handled by student attorneys and decided by a jury of their peers. Student Court is typically led by the 11th and 12th grade Law Magnet students.

10 – What skills will my child acquire?

In addition to analyzing cases, legal issues, and court procedures, students learn to discuss current events from a legal perspective. We place special emphasis on critical thinking, research, writing, and public speaking.

If you have additional questions, please contact

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