

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHADES VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL/JCIB/TECHNICAL ACADEMIES PROGRAM APPLICATION

- BUSINESS/FINANCE** **PRE-ENGINEERING**
 THEATRE/DANCE **VISUAL ARTS**

Please submit separate applications if applying to more than one academy.

NAME _____ PREFERRED NAME _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ (required for registration)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PRESENT SCHOOL _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PARENT'S WORK TELEPHONE _____ / _____ / _____

FATHER

MOTHER

CELL

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TRANSFER STUDENT yes _____ no _____

WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU ZONED FOR CURRENTLY? _____

(Refers to any student not currently zoned for Shades Valley High School. Students living outside of the Jefferson County School District limits will be required to pay tuition.)

I understand that an academy is a four-year program of study except for an apprenticeship. It includes composition and literature, mathematics, science, social studies and foreign language. I also understand that I must complete the state requirements in physical education, computer literacy, fine arts, and health. Admission to an academy program for a diploma depends upon meeting admission requirements outlined for each program (see page 3). I must successfully complete the course sequence and participate in required activities.

I understand that I am expected to maintain above average conduct and an academic grade point average of 2.5. If I fail to meet these expectations, I may be dismissed from the program.

To be eligible for consideration, I must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a 2.5 academic GPA for the last two available semesters. A copy of my permanent record card and test scores must be included with this application and I must be on track for graduation.
2. Have met special requirements for the chosen academy program; e.g. visual arts portfolio assessment, theatre audition, math/science teacher recommendation, counselor recommendation, etc. (see attached)
3. Submit a handwritten personal essay which explains why I want to attend a particular academy. Explain what I hope to gain from attending that academy as well as list any previous accomplishments and goals for the future in my chosen area of study.
4. Submit a signed student and parent/guardian contract agreeing to abide by all academy standards.
5. Show proof of my residence within Jefferson County.

_____ Student Signature

_____ Parent Signature

All parts of the application must be completed and signed by the deadline for acceptance into an academy.

STUDENT CONTRACT

I understand that if I am accepted to an academy, I will meet the following criteria:

- 1) I agree to attend required academy classes at Shades Valley for one year with the option to continue within the same academy depending on the following:
 - a) I will maintain excellent attendance and citizenship;
 - b) I will maintain a 3.0 GPA in academy courses and a 2.5 GPA in all other subjects and be on track to graduate;
 - c) I will complete all assignments and resubmit work that does not meet the standards;
 - d) I will be self-disciplined and meet all deadlines; and
 - e) I will work cooperatively with my classmates and show respect for all people.

I understand failure to meet this criteria may result in dismissal from the academy.

Student Name: (please print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

I wish to enroll my child in an academy at Shades Valley. I understand and will support the following:

1. Attendance is required for academy classes at Shades Valley for one year;
2. Excellent attendance and citizenship will be maintained;
3. A 3.0 GPA in academy courses and a 2.5 GPA in all other subjects and be on track to graduate will be maintained;
4. Completion of all assignments will be on time and to the standards set for the class;
5. Self-discipline will be critical to my child's success;
6. Showing respect and working cooperatively with other students is essential.

I understand failure to meet this criteria may result in dismissal from the academy.

Pre-Engineering & Visual Arts Academy Students:

_____ I understand that students zoned for Clay-Chalkville, McAdory, and Pinson Valley have the option of remaining enrolled at their base school and may attend SVTA half-day for academy courses. Students zoned for any other school will be expected to transfer to Shades Valley/JCIB as a full time student.

_____ Students attending SVTA on a half-day status will report to their base school and are required to ride the shuttle bus to SVTA and will ride the bus back to their base school.

Parent / Guardian names(s) (please print): _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Required for Final Acceptance

Academy Teacher Signature: _____

Administrator Signature: _____

Each applicant must include the following with this application

1. A copy of the most recent report card or a list of grades signed by the counselor
2. Signed copies of the student and parent contracts
3. A brief paragraph describing yourself, your interests, and why you would like to attend this academy.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FINANCE:

Contact: *Ian Barnes* Phone: 379-5350, ext. 652 Email: ibarnes@jefcoed.com

- Overall 3.0 GPA
- SAT and ARMT scores
- Essay on why you want to be in the Finance Academy
- Letter of recommendation from a counselor

PRE-ENGINEERING & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY:

Contact: *Cynthia Thomas or Monica Gray* Phone: 379-3300 Email: cynthiathomas@jefcoed.com or mgray@jefcoed.com

- Grades of B or better in math and science courses
- SAT 9/ARMT scores indicating average/above average ability in math or science
- One letter of reference (preferred from math or science teacher)
- If accepted, students will be required to take a math placement test

THEATRE / DANCE ACADEMY

Contact: *Dustin Helmer or Julia Simpson-Hawkins* Phone: 379-5350, ext 657 Email: dhelmer@jefcoed.com or jdhawkins@jefcoed.com

- Performance Audition: Mandatory 60 second monologue
- Optional: 16 bars of song. Bring sheet music or CD
- Optional: 2 minutes of any style dance. Bring CD
- Technician Audition: an interview will be conducted
- 2 letters of recommendation (one from someone in the Arts, one from a guidance counselor)
- Grade of B or higher in Theatre/Dance if applicable, C or higher in academic courses

THE VISUAL ARTS & COMMUNICATION ACADEMY

Contact: *Olsen Ross or Rick Moncrief* Phone: 379-3300 Email: rmoncrief@jefcoed.com or ross@jefcoed.com

- Portfolio: Ten pieces of artwork (photographs, drawings, paintings, sculpture, etc)
- Two letters of reference (one each from art teacher and counselor)
- Grade of B or higher in art; grade of C or higher in academic courses

**The Finance and Theatre Academies are located on the Shades Valley High School Campus
6100 Old Leeds Road – Birmingham, AL 35210**

**The Pre-Engineering, Visual Arts, and Construction Academies are located on the Shades Valley Technical Academies Campus
5191 Pine Whispers Drive – Birmingham, AL 35210**

Programs are coordinated by JefCoEd Instructional Services

Department of Arts Education: Dianne Johnson, Director – 379-2025

Department of Career Technical Education: Kay Harris, Director – 379-2176

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Birmingham, Alabama 35209
(205) 379-2120*

*Office of Section 504
2100 – 18th Street South
Birmingham, Alabama 35209
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