

Mandarin High School Student Perspectives

I didn't know learning about diseases could be so fun, but the Medical Academy teachers can seriously incorporate fun into just about any lesson!

– Emina Rovcanin

Entering the Medical Academy has opened so many doors for me. While any kid can say they want to be a doctor when they grow up, not many can say they are in an academy to prepare to do so. The action of my studying in the academy has given me a substantial advantage in my life. Doctors, nurses, and technicians are all eager to share with anyone who demonstrates an eagerness to know.

– Sarah Gonzales

What has the Medical Academy done for me? It has been a year of excitement and exploration for me as I've learned so much, yet there is still more to learn! At first, I was cautious to join the academy because I thought it would be boring and take the fun out of what I thought was cool. On the contrary, this academy has furthered my enthusiasm to continue my pursuit into a career in the medical field. The multiple field trips, hands-on activities, and laptop research project made the class something to look forward to with my busy class schedule.

I'm still unsure of exactly what branch of medicine I'd like to go into, but the Medical Academy has opened many doors for me. I can't wait to finish off my high school years with a great foundation for college!

–Cody Dulaney



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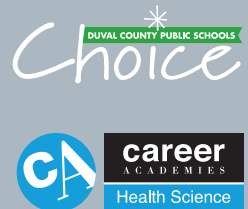
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The Center for Medical Studies at Mandarin High School offers a career and academic pathway in health and medical sciences. The center functions as a small learning community within the school and integrates academic classes with life skills lessons. Students actively engage with area businesses, colleges, and medical mentors throughout the high school experience.

The Medical Academy provides its students with the skills and experience necessary to attain entry-level jobs in health, medical and related fields. It also provides academic preparation to continue training through clinical experiences, community colleges and university programs.



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Career exploration may include, but is not limited to, areas such as:

Respiratory Care, Physical Therapy, Medical Office Management, Medical Transcription, Nursing Assistance, Registered Nursing, Phlebotomy, Radiology Care, EMT Training, Pharmacy, Sports Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine



“Career academies offer students courses, internships, extracurricular activities, and personalized interactions with professionals in their targeted career fields. Exposure and extensive investigation in their own elected fields of career interests add excitement to their educational experience, create positive relationships with adults at school and in the professional world, and allow them to make more beneficial choices in their pursuits after high school.”

– Dr. Crystal Sisler