

ACADEMY MISSION

The mission of the Criminal Justice & Community Service Academy is to strive, through teamwork, to promote higher academic achievement, develop marketable career skills, encourage continued education and enhance the quality of life in our community.

At the C. K. McClatchy High School Criminal Justice Magnet Academy, students will be provided with opportunities to explore the broad range of careers within the field of criminal justice; to understand the relationship between academic success and success in the workplace; and to develop the necessary skills to sustain a successful career in any chosen field.

The Sacramento Police Department is dedicated not only to the education of the academy students, but also their future careers. Students that graduate from this four year program of study will be eligible to apply for Public Service Aid positions at the Sacramento Police Department. This position will allow the student to work for the department while continuing their education at a local college or university. Once a student meets the eligibility requirements, he or she may apply for a position as a sworn officer or full-time civilian position within the City of Sacramento.

The experiences and training each student receives in this academy will give them a solid educational foundation and prepare them for success in their continued education and future career opportunities. Our graduates are definitely a credit to society and a positive influence within the community.

OVERVIEW

The Criminal Justice Academy at C. K. McClatchy High School is a partnership between the Sacramento City Unified School District and the Sacramento Police Department. The district provides a full-time, credentialed teacher to lead the classroom instruction in a challenging course of study. The Police Department provides a full-time police officer, Officer Alonso, to mentor, counsel, and lead the students to prepare them for careers in law enforcement and related jobs. In addition, a qualified physical education teacher instructs Physical Training classes which are designed to build strength, agility, and endurance.

The Students at the academy are held to a high standard of respect, responsibility, teamwork, and academic achievement. They are committed to the principles of public service and volunteer a minimum of 50 hours per year to their local communities. The students learn self-discipline and positive character traits to prepare them for making good life decisions.

The success of the Magnet Academy program has been great. Graduates from area programs have been hired by many law enforcement agencies or entered similar career fields. The majority of graduating seniors go directly to college. Some students opt to enter the Military and then go on to college after their commitment. Students all say this program has made it an easy transition for them. Those students that have entered the career field report that their training in this program prepared them for the real world.

Magnet Academies are also located at Hiram Johnson High School, Grant High School, and John F. Kennedy High School.

EXPECTATIONS

Joining the C. K. McClatchy High School Criminal Justice Magnet Academy is an important decision. It requires the dedication of the student and parents. We ask the students to be diligent, trustworthy, committed to the principles of public service, and to be a role-model in the community. Parents are asked to be supportive and involved in the educational process. Discipline in the Police Magnet Academy will be strictly maintained. Drug or alcohol use, non-conformity, and defiance will not be tolerated. Students will be required to be respectful and behave in a manner consistent with that expected of police personnel. Each student will be provided with an academy uniform to proudly wear for inspection once a week and certain public events. Students will be expected to have pride in themselves and the academy, compassion for others, and demonstrate integrity and commitment.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The dedication, teamwork, and high standards approach to learning emphasized by the Criminal Justice Academy teaches students the value of hard work, commitment, and leadership. The academy brings students from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds together in an effort to work towards a better community and society. Our students are highly visible in the community due to their involvement. They are perceived as leaders and role-models.

CURRICULUM

The Criminal Justice Academy curriculum includes all basic high school course requirements paired with specialized training in the area of law. The program includes:

- Overview of the criminal justice system, principles of law enforcement, constitutional law and law-related issues – Students will study the Basic Course materials developed by the California Commission on Police officers Standards and Training (POST) and are the same materials that police academy cadets study to become sworn officers.
- Criminal Investigations and Criminal Law – Students will understand the fundamentals of investigative procedure, as well as specific techniques and new innovations in criminal investigations.
- Forensic Science – The science of biological evidence collection and analysis within the context of criminal investigation is emphasized. Presentations by SPD Crime Scene Investigators will acquaint students with current methodologies used in the field. Field trips to the crime lab and other forensic sites will be included in this course.
- Physical training emphasizing all components of the POST Physical Agility Test – In addition to taking the POST Test, the program emphasizes strength development, cardiovascular endurance, speed, and agility necessary in a physically demanding career. A weight room with the latest in weight training equipment for use by academy students will be provided.
- English, Communication, and Writing Skills – These skills related to law enforcement, including public speaking and report writing, are required. Literature consistent with the law enforcement theme will be explored to provide a framework for discussing ethics, legal and cultural issues, and points of view.

SPECIAL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Police academy students have a unique opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting intra- and extracurricular activities designed to enhance their learning. Activities include guest speakers from police and law enforcement agencies, field trips, career exhibitions, leadership camps, Peer Court, Conflict Resolution training, internships, mentoring, and academy competitions.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the program can be obtained from the McClatchy High School front office or by contacting the program coordinator. We are currently accepting applications for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.



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