



The Academy of Mathematics, Science, & Technology at Kennesaw Mountain High School Magnet Program Contract 2019-2020

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

1. Students must earn at least an 80 in each math and science course to maintain the “good standing” status. For AP courses, this minimum standard is defined as a 74 after application of the extra quality point.
2. Students who earn a grade below an 80 in any math or science course will be placed on academic probation.
3. Dismissal from the program may result if a student earns two or more D’s in math and/or science courses in any given semester or earns a grade of F in any math and/or science course.
4. Students retained in the same grade level will be dismissed from the program. Refer to Dismissal guidelines.
5. Students may not participate in a dual enrollment program (exception GA Tech Distance Learning).
6. Student must receive pre-approval for online courses (exception Health/Personal Fitness and Foreign Language).
7. Students must participate in a STEM-related competition (Inventure, Science Fair, Math Team, Science Bowl, Science Olympiad, Cobb Regional Tech. Competition, Skills USA, or other approved competition.) each year.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

1. Students and parents will receive written notice of probationary status. They are encouraged to request a conference to develop an Action Plan which may consist of steps including but not limited to the following: tutoring, one-on-one instruction and a reduction in non-academic activities. The student must earn at least an 80 in the next course in that subject area (74 for AP classes).
2. Upon successful fulfillment of #1, the student will return to a “good standing” status.
3. If a student does not meet the academic requirements outlined in #1, s/he will be dismissed from the magnet program. See Dismissal guidelines.

DISCIPLINARY PROBATION

A student may be placed on disciplinary probation for the following reasons:

1. Five (5) or more unexcused absences in a semester.
2. A single disciplinary referral that results in any days of Out-of-School Suspension.
3. A single disciplinary referral that results in 2 or more days of In-School Suspension.
4. Any violations of Rule JCDA-R* (Student Conduct: Code of Conduct [High School]).
5. Violation of Honor Code

A student placed on disciplinary probation will be returned to Good Standing if he/she does not violate Rule IDAI-R or Rule JCDA-R the next semester.

Any actions resulting in disciplinary consequences in excess of the above mentioned grounds for disciplinary probation may result in immediate dismissal from the magnet program. If a student is dismissed from the program they will return to their regularly districted high school (if applicable) at the conclusion of their suspension/expulsion. *All Rules may be downloaded at www.cobbk12.org.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Academy of Mathematics, Science & Technology community is committed to four pillars of academic integrity: honesty, trust, respect, and responsibility. The Academy’s Honor System places academic honesty at the center of our curriculum by asking each of us to live by our honor code on a daily and continuing basis because the integrity of each individual is fundamental to the integrity of the whole. Honor Code: I will not lie, cheat, or steal in my academic endeavors. I will act if I become aware that the Honor Code is compromised. Academic misconduct is generally defined as any action or inaction which is offensive to the integrity and honesty of the members of the academic community. This offense includes, but is not limited to

a. Seeking, using, giving, or obtaining unauthorized assistance* or information in any academic assignment or examination, including but not limited to

1. lab data
2. lab reports
3. homework and classroom assignments
4. quizzes and tests
5. papers
6. projects

*Unauthorized assistance includes but is not limited to communication related to quiz/test questions with students who have yet to complete assessment and reading aides or technology not specifically authorized by the teacher.

- b. Plagiarizing, including but not limited to
 1. stealing and passing off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own;
 2. using another's production without crediting the source;
 3. committing literary theft;
- c. Giving other students information about a quiz, test, or classroom activity;
- d. Intentionally giving false information to teachers for the purpose of gaining academic advantage; e. Intentionally giving false evidence in any Honor Council hearing or refusing to give evidence when requested by the Honor Council.

HONOR CODE VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

First Offense

- Honor Code Violation form to Coordinator
- If student accepts responsibility, grade of zero for the assignment on which the violation occurred, s/he placed on Disciplinary Probation, parent(s) notified, and letter placed in the student's file
- If student does not accept responsibility, s/he brought before Honor Council consisting of magnet faculty, whose decision will dictate further possible action

Second Offense

- Honor Code Violation form to Coordinator
- If student accepts responsibility, grade of zero for the assignment on which the violation occurred, s/he placed on Disciplinary Probation, parent(s) notified, and letter placed in the student's file
- Student removed from Magnet Program if 2nd offense is in same semester or immediately subsequent semester from the 1st offense; or,
- Student placed on Disciplinary Probation if not in same or immediately subsequent semester DISMISSAL
- Students from outside the Kennesaw Mountain attendance zone who are dismissed from the program may apply through Cobb County Schools for a transfer to be allowed to remain at KMHS. If granted a transfer, student/parents must provide transportation. OTHER PROVISIONS FOR MAGNET PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
- Magnet students may not participate in dual enrollment programs.
- All online courses must be full credit (1.0) and pre-approval from Magnet Coordinator and Counselor are necessary
- In order to receive the magnet diploma seal, students are required to complete successfully Scientific Research and Scientific Internship courses. If a student at any time fails to meet the expectations for either course, an academic committee comprised of the Coordinator, the guidance counselor, and the Assistant Principal for Curriculum, will meet to decide the consequences, which may include removal from one or both courses, and removal from the magnet program.
- Recognizing that enrollment in a magnet program is a privilege, not a right, parents and students acknowledge that publication of this document on the Academy website constitutes understanding of, and agreement to, the terms and conditions contained herein for participation in the KMHS Magnet Program.

DISMISSAL

1. Magnet students who are districted for KMHS and are dismissed from the program will be placed in the appropriate courses in the KMHS population. Students will be assigned to a non-Magnet counselor.
2. Magnet students who are *not* districted for KMHS and are dismissed from the program within the first three years of participation will return to their districted high school, will be subject to normal Georgia High School Association (GHSA) transfer rules regarding eligibility in extracurricular activities.
3. Magnet students exiting the program within the first three years of participation may remain at KMHS for the remainder of the school year before returning to their districted high school, but will lose magnet transportation if they are not districted for KMHS. If their home school is also on block scheduling, they will return to their districted school at the start of the following semester.

Required Signatures: Recognizing that enrollment in a Magnet Program is a privilege, not a right, we, the undersigned, have read, fully understand, and agree that the expectations set forth in this document serve as requirements for participation in the Magnet Program.

Student Name (Please print)

Student Signature

Graduation Year

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date