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Purpose: Deltona Middle School’s Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship, and Advertising (IDEA) Academy is a High School Level Class that offers students a rigorous curriculum driven by creativity, finance, leadership, and entrepreneurship skills in a student-centered environment.

Student Responsibilities: Students in the IDEA Academy will design, create, and sell items in a student-run business. Students will be responsible for maintaining accurate accounting and inventory records, as well as fulfilling customer orders. In addition, participation in the Amazing Shake, completion of 6 volunteer hours, and attendance at the IDEA Showcase is required.

Criteria for Acceptance: Any current or future 7th or 8th grade student attending Deltona Middle School may apply to the IDEA Academy. Students will be chosen based on the answers stated below and overall student academic and behavioral performance.

The Amazing Shake: The Amazing Shake is a competition that all IDEA Academy students will be expected to compete in. The Amazing Shake places an emphasis on teaching students’ manners, discipline, respect, and professional conduct. Prior to the competition, students learn the nuances of professional human interaction as they are taught skills such as how to give a proper handshake, how to network, how to give a successful interview, and how to remain composed under pressure. The goal is to develop poised and ready individuals that can present themselves exceptionally well, given any circumstance that may arise, now or in the future.

Behavior Expectations: It is a great honor to be accepted into our IDEA Academy. Therefore, IDEA students are held to a higher level of behavioral expectations. Students are expected to display characteristics of perseverance and grit which will assist them in developing a strong work ethic. Students who exhibit consistent or extreme behavior that prevents those characteristics from being displayed by themselves, or their classmates, will be placed on Academy probation; which may result in the removal from the IDEA program.

Person to Contact: Interested applicants should complete the attached document by March 31, 2022, and return it to Mrs. Naylor. Selected applicants will be informed of their status in mid-May.

Costs to Students: The financial obligation for students in the program will be **\$40**. That amount will cover the cost of an Academy shirt to be worn on designated school days and to Academy sponsored events. The remaining fee will be used to offset field trip costs, materials, and event costs.

The following questions are to be answered by the applying student:

The IDEA Academy is a rigorous hands-on/minds-on program. In the DMS IDEA Academy, teachers are *facilitators* that ensure students become independent learners with the aim of preparing students for future entrepreneurship goals. With that focus in mind, students are required to be the primary active participant in their own learning and education by designing, manufacturing, and selling personalized items they will sell in our student-run business, the Charger Store. This will require students to drive their own learning beyond what they have previously been required to do.

1. If your teacher were assisting another student and was unavailable, and you came to an obstacle (such as not knowing how to complete the next step), describe 3 ways/tools you could use to figure out the next step **without teacher assistance**.

2. Do you believe that your previous teacher would recommend you for the IDEA Academy? If so, why? If not, how do you plan on ensuring your next year's teacher would want to recommend you?

3. Please feel free to share any additional information that you consider important for Mrs. Naylor to know to make sure you are successful in Deltona Middle School IDEA Academy.

I acknowledge that the above response is in-line with our values, and we will be supportive of Deltona Middle School IDEA Academy.

Student Signature

Alpha Code

Guardian #1

Guardian #2

Guardian Acknowledgement of Admission

Deltona Middle IDEA Academy seeks students who have expressed an interest in innovation, entrepreneurship, design, and advertising and want to become future business owners. Due to the nature and rigor of the academic content to be delivered, students should have a passion for learning. It is highly recommended that students have solid attendance records with very few absences. Due to this early college model and mastery-based learning system, students will need to demonstrate **persistence** when faced with challenging academic expectations.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the enrollment and admission guidelines above, including student event attendance requirements, and that this application has been filled out to the best of my knowledge.

Guardian Participation

Deltona Middle School's IDEA is a program that stresses self-reliance, self-advocacy, and community. Students who are accepted into the academy are expected to do more duties and functions than they may have in other academic environments. Cleaning, landscaping, organizing, fundraising, and community service are fundamental aspects of the program. Every individual will have a unique experience while participating in the academy. **There is a \$40 fee that is used to purchase materials using in IDEA missions and includes each student's IDEA Academy shirt. Please pay this fee upon acceptance into the academy.**

Signature of student

Date

Printed name of student

Signature of guardian #1

Date

Signature of guardian #2

Date

If accepted, I would like for the Academy elective to take the place of:

_____ PE (PE waiver must be submitted, which may be found at [VCS PE Waiver 22-23](#))

_____ Any of my elective choices