

# Goals

- To strengthen student achievement through implementing practices to increase the number of students earning As, Bs, and Cs.
- To sustain academic growth in core areas with a focus on closing the achievement gap between whites and African Americans in Algebra 1 and English and between whites and Hispanics in Algebra 1.
- To improve campus climate by creating a cohesive school culture among students, staff, parents and community members.

# Staff

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# The Club

- The Communications Academy Club has annual leadership positions for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Publicity Manager.
- The goal of the Club is to support the efforts of Academy members that wish to achieve certification through large-scale community service or senior projects.
- The Club will represent the Academy at school-sponsored events such as the Falcon Festival, Food Fair, Safe Halloween, and Career Night.
- The Club will coordinate fundraising activities on behalf of the Communications Academy.



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### Our Mission:

The Communications Academy seeks to build a community of self-directed learners who specialize in communication, collaboration, and creative problem solving. Students view media with an intellectual and critical perspective, and they are encouraged to apply the skills they have gained from academy classes to higher education as well as future careers in these six pathways.

### The Academy Awards Night:

Every year in the spring, the three Academy organizations come together to celebrate the achievements of the Academy graduates in a formal evening affair that is modeled after the Oscars. Students and staff wear their finest prom night clothing and walk the red carpet to enjoy refreshments and entertainment. Students are awarded a stole and certificate and are given the opportunity to make a thank you speech at the podium. Seniors should be prepared with a completed portfolio, resume, reflective essay, letter of recommendation, and head shot the week before the event.

# Pathways

## Journalism/ Photojournalism

Yearbook  
Journalism  
Photo I, II  
Creative Writing  
Graphic Design I, II  
AP English 3/4  
Computer Keyboarding  
ROP Digital Arts

## Fine Arts

Photo I, II  
Beginning Animation  
Advanced Animation  
Beginning Art  
Intermediate Art  
Advanced Art  
AP Studio Art  
Intro to Art History  
AP Art History

## Speech Communication/ Rhetoric

AP Art History  
Introduction to Art History  
Creative Writing  
Science Fiction  
\*4 Years Foreign Language  
American Studies  
World Studies  
Media Literacy  
AP English 3/4  
Speech and Debate  
Poetry

## Performing Arts

Theater I, II, III  
Beginning Guitar  
Orchestra  
Concert Band  
Speech and Debate  
Symphonic Band  
Music Appreciation  
Women's Ensemble  
Select Singers  
Men's Chorus  
A Cappella Choir  
Jazz Band

## Business/Marketing

Speech and Debate  
Business Communication  
Introduction to Marketing  
Journalism  
Radio Broadcasting  
Introduction to Business  
Graphic Design I, II  
Leadership  
Yearbook  
\*4 Years Foreign Language  
Personal Finance

## Mass Communications/ Multimedia

Animation  
Graphic Design I, II  
ROP Digital Arts (Web Design)  
Radio Broadcasting  
ROP Art of Video Production  
Advanced Video Production  
Photo I, II  
Computer Keyboarding  
Leadership

# Membership

There are three levels of participation:

**Elite:** Only three graduating certified members will attain the Elite membership level. They are selected for having the highest number of units in a selected major (Visual, Oral, or Written).

A silver plaque will be granted at the annual awards ceremony, in addition to the award of a silver stole for graduation.

**Certified:** Only the current year graduating seniors that have completed three years of a foreign language and a minimum of 70 units can be Certified members.

A silver stole will be awarded at a small Academy-sponsored event and worn at the graduation ceremony. Students are also invited to special field trip opportunities each year.

**Honorary:** Any interested student can participate in the Communications Academy-sponsored club activities on campus. All students can earn Honorary status upon completion of the application process and participation in club activities.

Students will begin the process toward certification with the advantage of Academy mentorship.

# Senior Project

Students must complete a senior project as prescribed by Ms. Smith. A Portfolio requirement is expected to be fulfilled by all certified members of the academy in order to earn recognition upon graduation. Portfolio materials and instructions can be picked up in room P1. The portfolio includes work samples from all four years at Freedom High School, a resume, head shot, letters of recommendation, a reflective essay and other pieces of evidence that prove satisfactory completion of the senior project.