



FALCON COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Frequently Asked Questions

The Cambridge Program at Falcon Cove Middle School

Vision Statement

“Motivate and lead students in becoming citizens of the world who will continuously show compassion to others, respect, work cooperatively, and foster their thirst for knowledge and positive change.”

What is the Cambridge program?

The Cambridge program is an internationally recognized course of study for academically talented and motivated students. It is referred to as AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) at the high school level, and “Cambridge – Secondary I” at the middle school level.

The program operates under the sponsorship of Cambridge University in England and offers a wider range of classes. In the United States, there are more than 250 Cambridge schools since the instruction of the American program in 1990, and it has been in operation at Falcon Cove Middle School since 2014.

What is the focus of the Cambridge program at Falcon Cove?

The Cambridge courses at our school aim to assist students in becoming a productive contributor to society. Each course makes continuous connections between the curriculum taught in class and the global and social issues surrounding us.

What courses are included in the Cambridge program?

The program includes 3 classes – English, Social Studies and Science with its scope extending each year, and the student’s math placement is decided based on his math abilities. Starting the 2016 – 2017 school year, all 8th grade Cambridge students will take Biology as their science course for high school credit.

What is the difference between the Cambridge program and the gifted program at FCMS?

The Cambridge program adheres and follows the curriculum dictated by Cambridge University in England, and enhances it with the Broward county curriculum. The gifted program enriches the Broward County curriculum with additional resources and strategies.

If the student is currently in the gifted program and transfers to the Cambridge program, will s/he still be considered gifted?

A student who has been identified as gifted will always be considered so by the district, and the Cambridge teachers continue to follow the student's education plan. However, the actual placement in school will be in Cambridge classes that contain gifted and high achievers who are accepted into the Cambridge program.

Who qualifies to join the Cambridge program at Falcon Cove?

Any student zoned for Falcon Cove Middle School who has earned an FSA percentile score of at least 80 percent in both the reading and math sections of the FSA, shows exemplary citizenship, earned "A" and "B" in all courses during the application year, has strong recommendations from the current English, Social Studies and Science teachers, and earned a passing score on the writing entrance assessment.

If I join Cambridge, do I have to stay with the program my entire time at FCMS?

We would like every student who joins the program to enjoy its benefits throughout his years at Falcon Cove. However, should certain circumstances arise, students may transfer out of the program at the end of an academic year. The program is fluid accepting new students at the beginning of each year based on availability, and each case is addressed independently.

What is unique about the Cambridge program at FCMS?

We pride ourselves on treating our Cambridge students and faculty as family, and foster a sense of care and academic excellence to all involved. Consequently, we continuously bring the world around us into the classroom and relate all topics taught to global and social events. As such, we hold field trips that are theme-based and materialize for the students the content taught in the classroom. Some examples of such field trips are movie trips for literary reviews, state park excursions for science exploration, and history tours for social studies emphasis.

For any further questions or clarifications, please contact Mrs. Taly Cohen at taly.cohen@browardschools.com



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