



Maritime Honors Academy at Jefferson High School Tampa FL

The Jefferson High School's Maritime & Marine Environmental Science Honors Academy is a Magnet program, and draws qualified students from anywhere in Hillsborough County. The program is aimed at educating and encouraging students to pursue careers within a diverse spectrum of maritime-related industries.

The Jefferson program is the only maritime magnet program in Hillsborough County, and it is truly unique throughout the nation. It utilizes hands-on activities, laboratory research, tours of local maritime businesses, and internships at local port businesses. This prepares students for college and advanced degrees leading to excellent maritime-related careers; direct work in lucrative, stable maritime-related businesses; and exciting, high-paying careers at sea or ashore.

Students are provided a four-year curriculum focused primarily on international maritime studies, with exposure to marine environmental studies. It's organized around 16 instructional units including: Careers, Ships, Engineering, Oceanography, Admiralty Law, Port Operations, Marine Biology, Logistics, Shipbuilding and other maritime-industry careers on land and sea. The variety of scope in this curriculum utilized tremendous resources to create a Maritime library for student use, and for student activity design. Students are challenged through their participation in rigorous Advanced Placement, dual enrollment and honors level coursework.

Today, students from anywhere in Hillsborough County can apply to the magnet Maritime Honors Academy program at Jefferson High School. Qualified students already assigned to Blake High School's maritime program can apply to join Jefferson's program, as openings become available.

In partnership with the International Propeller Club of the U.S. – Port of Tampa, the magnet program introduces students to shore-support careers such as shipping agents, terminal operators, naval architects, and admiralty attorneys. They also learn about shipbuilding and ship repair yards, and can see those careers-in-action as skilled ironworkers, electricians, machinists, and technicians. In addition, they also learn about seafaring careers via field trips that take them aboard ships and tugs. And of course, students often continue their education at universities and maritime colleges to further cultivate their intellect and abilities, and prepare them for interesting and very rewarding careers in maritime-related industries.

Learn more at: <http://jefferson.mysdhc.org/teacher/3784paradis/>

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