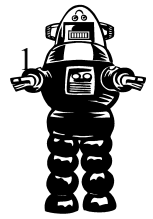




**NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
FALCON ACADEMY OF MEDICAL AND ENGINEERING EXPLORATION
APPLICATION**



Name: _____ Student Number: _____
 Last First MI

Sex: () Male () Female Race: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone Number: _____
 Number Street/Rd./Hwy.

 City State Zip Code

Student E-mail Address: _____

Student Lives With: () Mother () Father () Both Parents () Other: _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____

School Attended 2025-2026: _____

FAME NINTH GRADE CURRICULUM

Choose preferred academic track: (refer to options on page 6)

Option I – Medical Track _____

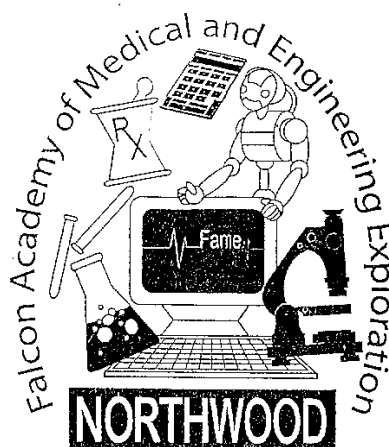
Option II – Engineering Track _____

Physical Education Requirement:

Select one: _____ Physical Education I/Athletics _____ ROTC I _____ -Spirit Group

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS: Application for enrollment does not ensure admission into the academy. Students meeting or exceeding initial approval requirements will be contacted to schedule personal interviews. Your signature below indicates your approval of these choices and your commitment to this schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. Academy core courses are specialized to meet the interests of the students selected. Transferring from the academy to the regular curriculum **will not** be considered during the academic school year. Late applications will be considered independently.

Parent Signature Date Student Signature Date



FALCON ACADEMY FOR MEDICAL & ENGINEERING EXPLORATION

**Application Packet
2026 - 2027**

Class of 2030 **Application Folder Checklist**

- _____ **Application Form completed**
- _____ **Student Letter**
- _____ **Parent Letter**
- _____ **Resume**
- _____ **Letter of Recommendation**
- _____ **Most recent report card**
- _____ **FAME Contract**

Please submit all information in a folder to Mrs. Stephanie White – Assistant Principal. Contact Information: sdwhite@caddoschools.org or 318-929-3513

Dear Parents of 8th Grade Students:

The Northwood High School Falcon Academy for Medical and Engineering Exploration (FAME) enters its twenty-second year of providing unique career exploration experiences coupled with technology-rich and academically challenging science, math, and health science courses of study. FAME is currently recruiting its next freshman class, the Class of 2030.

While FAME may not be the right program for every student, it does provide a variety of unique learning and investigative career experiences within a small, close-knit environment. Annually, students apply what they have learned in coursework to research career avenues. Our program offers several opportunities for students to earn Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment credits. It is designed to ensure a level of rigor that major colleges and scholarship programs encourage and enlist.

Extensive opportunities for specialization in math, science, and applied sciences, such as medicine, engineering, biochemistry, robotics, and computer science encourage each student to explore and apply their intellectual talents through individual research and internship, thereby promoting an enriched learning environment for students.

This application packet contains important information for all 8th grade students/ transfer students and their parents to review and possibly complete. Should you decide this program is right for your student's future educational goals and aspirations, apply now! We are currently developing job shadowing/internship opportunities for seniors. Space is limited, therefore, students will be chosen on a competitive basis. Qualification will be based on student's academic and discipline records, teacher recommendations and through an interview process.

Completed applications are due by Thursday, March 31, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. to Mrs. Stephanie White at Northwood High School. Late applications will be considered on a case by case basis. If you are seeking a learning environment that supports academic work towards a career in

science, health science, math, engineering, or simply a specialized small school environment in conjunction with a variety of co-curricular activities, FAME is the program for you! We hope you and your student will seriously consider applying to our program. Please contact us with any additional questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Mime Boyter/Jenson Zearley, Freshman

Counselors

Shannon Wall, Principal

Stephanie White, Assistant Principal of Instruction

2026 – 2027 School Year

Application, Selection, & Transfer Policies *Information to Note!*

- ❖ The FAME application and selection process is competitive, involving grade, behavior, & discipline review, math/science/english scores on the LEAP test or a comparable assessment, teacher evaluation, a writing sample, and a student/parent interview. Therefore, all students must go through a standard process for consideration.
- ❖ Students who enter FAME without completing Algebra I will enroll in Algebra I as a 9th grader and concurrently in Geometry and Algebra II at the 10th grade level.
- ❖ Students who reside outside of Northwood's attendance zone may be accepted, but parents/guardians will have to provide transportation for the student.
- ❖ 8th Grade Non-Public/Home Schooled students: All non-public/Home Schooled student applicants must fully meet all registration requirements for NHS and present official transcripts to the NHS ninth grade counselor or assistant principal of instruction.
- ❖ Late Applicants: Appointments will be made from this pool on a space-available basis only in May-July; move-ins will be given priority over late applicants.
- ❖ Summer Move-ins: From May 1 through the first day of school of each year, **FAME** will accept applications only from students who move into the NHS attendance zone. Appointment will be made on a space-available basis only in late-July/early Aug.; move-ins will be given priority over late applicants.
- ❖ Transfers out of **FAME** will be considered during the spring each year. Students accepting appointment into **FAME** will be bound to the terms of a full-year contract and class schedule.

+Class of 2030 Application Process/Timeline

Eligibility:

- 1) All students who will be in the 9th grade at Northwood High School in August 2026, are eligible to apply for the FAME Class of 2030.
- 2) Any student who enters Northwood High School, has an interest in FAME and is a sophomore, junior or senior will be allowed an opportunity to apply for admission upon entering. They will have one week from admission date to make a request and complete an application for consideration.

***All students are provided equal opportunity to enter the Academy.

Qualifications for consideration:

- ❖ An overall 2.75 average in middle school with a minimum C average or better in math and science courses.
- ❖ Minimum 7th and 8th grade LEAP scores: English-730 ; Math 730
- ❖ 85% average and credit in Algebra I for the eighth grade or student will be required to enroll in Algebra II and Geometry during the tenth grade to continue in the Academy program. Students who do not pass the Algebra I LEAP in 8th grade with a Basic or above will be required to retake the Algebra I LEAP in High School.
- ❖ Attendance rate at 90% or above
- ❖ Maintained a good discipline record

**Those who fall slightly below these qualifications may still apply, and seek, probationary/provisional entrance into the Academy for a preset time frame at which time recommendations will be made by the Academy staff for full status or dismissal from the program.*

- ❖ Private school/home school applicants will take parish-required standardized tests which will be reviewed as part of the entry criteria.
- ❖ Nationally recognized Standardized Achievement Tests will be taken into consideration of the application for all public, private, and home school applicants. A standardized math/science/reading assessment will be a part of the application process. In some instances probationary/provisional admittances are accompanied by mandatory attendance at summer school requirements.

Application Elements

Application Folder DUE March 31, 2026	Completed Application form and packet to include: *Application Form *Student letter – Why student wants to attend the Academy; special qualities he/she will bring to the Academy; examples of activities, such as projects, awards and other activities that show interest and commitment in math, science, and health professions. *Parent/Guardian Letter – Why the student should be selected; How the Academy will benefit the student; The willingness to provide support for the student's involvement in the program; The commitment to reinforce the Academy program in the home and participate in FAME parent activities. *Resume – Include all 7 th and 8 th grade academic courses, extracurricular activities, Leadership positions, awards, work experience, community service activities (in and out of school). *Letter of Recommendation – One from a non-family member on letterhead (if possible) *Most recent report card *FAME Contract
Assessment: -LEAP Scores -Writing Sample Scheduled during April	Applicants will be asked to complete a timed writing sample on a given topic as a part of application. The seventh grade LEAP test will be utilized as the formal math assessment. Written assessment will be done during interview time.
Applicant Interview Scheduled in April	Interviews will be held in the Northwood High School library or conference room. At least one parent must attend, both are welcomed. The interview will elaborate on information in the application letters and will also measure the poise, communication skills, and motivation and commitment of the student as well as the support of the parent/guardian(s) for the student and Academy.
Discipline/Behavioral and Attendance Assessment	Information as to each applicant's discipline, behavior, attendance, demeanor, interest, motivation, and level of participation.
Selection Status by May 2025	All applicants/parents will be notified of their selection status in writing.

*Request for Reconsideration – A written request for reconsideration of a non-selection decision must be received by NHS by the designated date. The request must include a detailed explanation of why reconsideration is justified and any evidence that supports the request for reconsideration. The reconsideration process will be completed within 7 business days of the request. The original decision may be affirmed or reversed. If reversed, the student may be selected or placed on the alternative/wait list.

F.A.M.E. Contract

A FAME student will remain enrolled in the Northwood High School Program for one (1) year. We understand that satisfactory academic progress (B average), regular attendance, regular participation in the FAME club and a good discipline record are mandatory for continued study in the FAME program. Any student wanting out of the FAME program may apply to get out through parent conference with an administrator at the end of a school year.

Requirements to stay in FAME:

- No D's or F's on semester grades
- No Suspensions
- Must attend monthly FAME meetings
- Must participate in FAME community service hours
- Must have regular attendance

Causes for Dismissal:

- If a student has any D's or F's on the semester final grades, a letter of probation status will be administered. If grades do not improve in the following semester, the student will be recommended for dismissal.
- If a student has ANY discipline referral, the referral will be reviewed for probation/dismissal by the committee.
- If a student is suspended for any reason, they will be dismissed from FAME.
- If a student misses more than 2 FAME meetings the student will be recommended for dismissal.
- If a student misses more than 2 community service activities the student will be recommended for dismissal.
- If a student exceeds the CPSB attendance policy, the student will be recommended for dismissal.

****All Dismissals will have final approval from administration.****

Student's Signature /Date

Parent Signature/Date

Class of 2030 – Four Year Plan

OPTION I Medical

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade MEDICAL TRACK
English I H, or G/T	English II H, or G/T	English III H AP, DE or G/T	English IV H, DE, AP or G/T
Geometry H or Algebra I H	Algebra II H or Algebra II H and Geometry H	Algebra III H or Pre Cal AP	Pre Cal AP or Calculus H, DE
Biology I H	Chemistry H	Anatomy & Physiology DE or Chemistry II DE	Physics H or Biology II
AP/ H Human Geography	AP Government & Politics or Civics H	AP/H US History	European History AP or World History H
PE I/JROTC I Spirit/Athletic Group	PE II & Health/ JROTC II & Health/ or Spirit/ Athletic Group	Art (TOPS Req.) or DE or Academy Approved Elective	Chemistry II H or Chemistry II DE
Academy Approved Elective/Science or Math	Geometry H or Alg III or Academy Approved Elective	Medical Terminology DE and Forensic Science or DE or Academy Approved Elective	DE or Academy Approved Elective
ASL/Foreign Language I or Foreign Language II	ASL/Foreign Language I or ASL/Foreign Language II or Academy Approved Elective	ASL/Foreign Language II, DE or Academy Approved Elective	DE or Academy Approved Elective Or Computer Science
Financial Literacy	Fine Art	Academy Approved Elective	Academy Approved Elective

OPTION II Engineering

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade ENGINEERING TRACK
English I H, or G/T	English II H, or G/T	English III H AP, or G/T	English IV H, AP or G/T
Geometry H or Algebra I H	Algebra II H or Algebra II H and Geometry H	Algebra III E or Pre Calculus AP	Pre Calculus AP Or Calculus H, DE
Biology I H	Chemistry H	Anatomy & Physiology DE or Chemistry II DE	Physics H
AP/H Human Geography	AP Government & Politics or Civics H	AP/H US History	European History AP or World History H
PE I/JROTC I Spirit/Athletic Group	PE II & Health/ JROTC II & Health/ or Spirit/ Athletic Group	Art Requirement for TOPS or DE or Academy Approved Elective	DE or Academy Approved Elective
CIW1	Geometry H or Algebra III H Academy Approved Elective	Academy Approved Elective	DE or Academy Approved Elective
CIW2	Computer Science	ASL/Foreign Language I or Foreign Language II	ASL/Foreign Language I or ASL/Foreign Language II or Academy Approved Elective

Financial Literacy	Fine Art	Academy Approved Elective	Academy Approved Elective
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Academy Approved Electives:

Fine Arts: Choir, Band, guitar, Piano, Art I-II
 Drama I, II, Media Arts
 Speech I, II
 Foreign Language: Spanish I-II or French I, II or
 American Sign Language I, II
 Spirit Groups/Athletics
 Psychology/Sociology
 Student Council
 Computer Science
 CIW-Certified Internet Web Program-I, II
 College Dual Enrollment Courses
 (science/math/english/approved electives)
 Career Center Courses (Admin Approval Only)
 American Sign Language
 Environmental Science-H
 ACT Prep
 Digital Media
 Talon Staff (yearbook)
 Flight Line (Newspaper)
 Publications-Media Arts/Film Production

**only exceptions to electives will be in the case
 of scheduling conflicts