

**ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
MYERS PARK HIGH SCHOOL
FACT SHEET**

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**WHAT IS THE ACADEMIC
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM?**

It is a program that provides opportunities for high school students to have hands-on experiences in areas of academic or career interests prior to college or post-secondary training.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Second semester sophomores, all juniors and seniors are eligible.

HOW DOES A STUDENT ENROLL?

Students may obtain an application from the Internship Coordinator, the school liaison or in the Future Center.

***Gale Collins, AIP Coordinator, is in the FUTURE CENTER
each Tuesday during all lunch periods.***

Liaison: Mrs. Sarah Marsh, CDC

**WHAT INTERNSHIPS ARE
AVAILABLE?**

Over 450 businesses, agencies, government offices, etc. participate. If you have a special interest or career choice, we will try to find a community sponsor to match it. Internships are based on sponsor availability.

WHEN DO STUDENTS INTERN?

Students usually spend two afternoons per week after school at the internship site on days that they and the community sponsor arrange. 34 hours is the minimum time required to receive credit. Occasionally students will continue to the 68-hour or 135-hour level. An internship may also be completed during the summer.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO
STUDENTS?**

Internships help students to obtain a more realistic view of a career area, make better decisions about which college to attend, gain experiences and make contacts that will help them apply for specific college programs or scholarships.

ARE STUDENTS PAID?

No. Students receive a grade. The amount of elective academic credit is based on the number of contact hours spent on the internship. The grade and credit become part of the student's permanent high school transcript but is not calculated in the student's GPA. Up to one unit can count toward graduation.

HOW ARE STUDENTS EVALUATED?

Each student keeps a journal, completes a capstone activity and an evaluation of the internship. These activities, along with an evaluation from the community sponsor are used to determine the final grade.

WHEN MAY A STUDENT APPLY?

Students may apply now and throughout the year. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis so it is best to turn in the application early.

**WHAT TYPES OF INTERNSHIP ARE
AVAILABLE?**

Internships include but are not limited to medical, engineering, veterinary, dental, travel/tourism, education, real estate, law, event planning, theater, photography, interior design, public relations, fire/police protection, pharmacy and physical therapy. Check with your coordinator about your areas of career interest.