

FAME ACADEMY

Focusing on Alternative Methods in Education
Enrollment

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Race _____ (Caucasian, African American, Native American,
Hispanic, Asian American, other) You can circle more than one.

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Phone _____

Who do you live with? _____ Relationship _____

How will you get to FAME everyday? _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____ Phone _____ (relationship) _____

Name _____ Phone _____ (relationship) _____

Name _____ Phone _____ (relationship) _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone _____

I hereby authorize the school principal or teacher (or appointee) to release the student listed above to the care of any or all of the contacts listed above for any reason so long as the school believes that he/she is acting in the best interests of the child.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Reasons for wanting to attend FAME Academy:

Last School Attended _____ Dates _____

WELCOME
TO
FAME ACADEMY

FAME Vision

Prepare all students, regardless of background or station in life, for the 21st Century by promoting learning as a continuous, relevant, and an adaptive lifelong process.

FAME Mission Statement

To empower students to become responsible, enthusiastic, and successful learners achieving their full potential, to accept the challenge for graduation and beyond, and to reintegrate into the community in a positive and constructive manner.

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Guidelines and Information

FAME Academy is an Alternative School serving at-risk students. Students attending FAME are referred from Comanche, Ryan, Velma-Alma and Walters. Comanche Public School serves as the LEA. The curriculum consists of a combination of textbooks, workbooks, hands-on activities, creative arts, and computer-assisted course work that are aligned with Common Core Standards. Students attend group and career counseling sessions provided by counselors during the regularly scheduled school day. The standards will be reachable for the students but high enough to have integrity.

The sending schools set graduation requirements; students will receive a diploma from that sending school. The Comanche School District calendar will determine FAME Academy's calendar.

Intake and Screening

Intake and Screening will begin with the referral of the principal and/or counselor of sending school. Entry into the program will be preceded by an interview between the alternative education counselor and/or director and the student with a parent or guardian. **FAME's Advisory Committee** consists of a principal and/or counselor from the sending school (Comanche, Ryan, Velma-Alma and Walters), the FAME Director, parent/guardian of student, and FAME teachers.

Parent Involvement

Parent conferences may be requested at any time by parents, guardians, or any staff member. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice a year at FAME Academy. Every year FAME Academy hosts an open house to display student art work and projects, and parent are encouraged to attend. We welcome parent involvement during the school year.

Student Appearance

Students are expected to be well groomed and neatly dressed. No dress will be allowed that is disruptive to the educational process or prohibited by the administrative regulations on student dress and appearance.

Community Involvement

Service Learning opportunities are available to all FAME students. FAME students operate a community clothes closet that provides clothing to students and their families and friends. FAME students also volunteer at Fame's Food Pantry, Christian Helping Hands, the local nursing home and community tornado shelter. Other service learning projects are available throughout the year.

FAME Academy has many community partners who provide supplies, snacks, treats and necessities to our students.

Eligibility

Characteristics of students who are eligible for Alternative Education Services may include but are not limited to the following:

1. They have been retained for one or more years, or they did not complete the required credits for the next grade level.
2. They have not made substantial progress in mastering basic skills that are appropriate for students of their age, or they have grades that consistently indicate major underachievement.
3. They have been a school dropout.
4. They have had excessive absences during a school year.
5. They have had contact with the Juvenile Services Unit of the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

Restrictions

FAME Academy is a closed campus. Students will be restricted to campus at all times, including lunch. Students may bring their own lunch or use the school lunch service. Our school lunches are restaurant quality and quite delicious.

Visitors

Students are not allowed to bring visitors or friends to school.

Leaving School

If a student must leave school early or leave with someone other than a parent/guardian, the student's parent/guardian must send written permission and/or contact FAME director at 580-439-2955. The person picking up the student must sign out the student through the FAME office.

Absences

When a student is absent from school, the student's parent/guardian should call the school as early a possible on the day of the absence to verify that they are aware of the absence. When returning to school from an absence due to a doctor/dental appointment, please bring some type of verification from the doctor/dentist office.

Behavioral Expectations

Vandalism of school property or anyone's personal property will not be tolerated. The theft of school or personal property will not be tolerated. The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances will not be tolerated. The possession or use of a gun or any other dangerous weapon will not be tolerated.

Discipline

Discipline will be handled at the alternative school, except in extreme circumstances, when it would become necessary to discuss the situation with administration of the sending school.

FAME ACADEMY STUDENT CONTRACT

My parent/guardian and I agree to the following:

1. I agree to work toward my personal education goals.
2. I agree to attend all required activities and classes.
3. I understand that regular attendance is expected.
4. I understand that FAME is a closed campus. Once I arrive on campus, I will not leave without permission.
5. I understand that I cannot bring an open beverage into the school.

I understand the privileges and responsibilities of FAME Academy, and know that I may be dropped from the program for any of the following reasons:

- a) Excessive absences
- b) In possession of drugs, tobacco or weapons
- c) Continually displaying disruptive behavior in school.
- d) Failure to respect the staff and other students.
- e) Abusing Internet Access

I understand that FAME Academy is a school of choice, and my placement is based on complying with this contract.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Staff Signature _____