

Frequently Asked Questions	Answers
What type of School is DeVry Advantage Academy?	DeVry Advantage Academy will offer students an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and college associate degree in Web Graphic Design at the same time. The college preparatory high school courses will be taught by certified Houston Independent School District teachers. College courses will be taught by industry experienced DeVry University professors. Tuition, books and charges for all eligible courses are paid for by the school district and DeVry University, saving students' money. Graduates of the Academy may choose to continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree from DeVry University or apply to another college or university.
Who is eligible?	<p>Admission Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average. B. Must have good attendance and behavior. C. Must desire and be committed to attend college. D. Eleventh grade students must be proficient on the DeVry University Placement Exam (Accuplacer) E. Eligible students will be selected after review of student application, teacher recommendations, and student essay.
How rigorous is the academic program?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will provide support to help students succeed, but students need to do their part as well. • Students should expect to devote a minimum of two hours each night to homework, studying, and reading and come prepared to class each day with questions and ideas. • Students must commit to meeting the school's high expectations for school work, homework, attendance, and behavior. • Students must commit to a "flexible study" schedule.
What is a "flexible study" schedule?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both high school and college courses will be taught in the eleventh and twelfth grades through a mix of online and onsite courses. Students are required to attend school daily.

How can my child apply?	Currently the application for the academy is online on the HISD website and can be downloaded at www.houstonisd.org Follow the DeVry Advantage Academy link.
Where is the school located?	Students will take both high school classes and college courses on the HISD campus located at 1700 Gregg Street, Houston, Texas 77026.
What if my child qualifies?	All qualified applicants must participate in an interview with parent, guardian, and/or primary caregiver.
What if my child is accepted into the academy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If accepted into the academy, he/she MUST attend an orientation session with parent, guardian, and/or primary caregiver; • All accepted students and parents MUST sign a one year (academic school year) contract with the academy upon acceptance indicating that the student understands the rigorous expectations, requirements and curriculum of the academy and will fully participate as a student.
Is bus transportation provided?	Bus transportation will be provided for students selected to attend the academy.
How many students can attend this school year?	2011-2012 grade levels – 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Per Grade Level Maximum of 100 for 9 th grade Maximum of 50 for 10 th grade Maximum of 50 for 11 th grade
What are the hours of operation?	Exact school hours will be determined by the school administrative team and advisory team, but should be similar to other middle school/high schools in the district.
Does the school have a uniform dress code?	DeVry Advantage Academy will have a dress code. Students will wear a blue polo shirt and blue jeans or khaki pants, skirts, Capris and shorts.
What school calendar does the school follow?	The academy will follow the Houston ISD school calendar.
Will the DeVry Advantage Academy be a school of choice?	Yes, we anticipate the academy to be a part of the HISD magnet program.
If my child agrees to attend the academy, but decides later to return to his/her home school, is that an option?	Once a student commits to attend the academy, he/she is committed to the academy for the remainder of academic school year. The student may return to the home school the following year.
Will tutoring be available on the school campus?	Tutoring will be available on the school campus after school and on Saturdays.

<p>What is Web Graphic Design?</p>	<p>Students will learn master key software applications, fundamental design principles, web content management, and animation. Also, students will have an opportunity to apply the skills learned to produce high-quality, web-enabled graphics and develop all types of graphic media including web pages, marketing collateral, advertising, instructional materials and multimedia projects.</p> <p>For comprehensive consumer information, visit: http://www.devry.edu/studentconsumerinfo/</p>
<p>When you earn your associate degree in Web Graphic Design which careers would I be prepared for?</p>	<p>There are a number of booming careers fields. Here are some examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Graphic Designer: Create graphics for the web. • Digital Graphics Editor: Modify and develop digital art assets, including drawings, renderings, and photographs. • Instructional Designer: Develop education, training, information, and other materials for interactive learning on the web. • Media Communications Consultant: Work with public relations, advertising agencies, or corporate communications departments to develop graphic communications. • Web Graphic Animator: Use software to develop 2D animations for web-based delivery. • Information Designer: Clarify and organize content used in a wide variety of graphic communications. • Web Page Designer: Design web pages and graphic elements to communicate an effective message for your clients.
<p>What number can I call if I have further questions?</p>	<p>Questions regarding the DeVry Advantage Academy may be directed to the Office of School Choice at 713-556-6947.</p>