

What *Academy* Students are saying...

- In the Academy they teach us to be the best we can be instead of just being good. Cynthia F.
- The Academy, for me, is like a haven of knowledge. The teachers help us float high above the clouds. Paulina W.
- I like the many field trips and getting to choose what we do for PE. Career days are cool too. Mathew
- I love the Academy because it is more challenging, and you never have time to slack off. Philip C.
- You get to be with the same kids which bonds us. We get ready for college. Rami A.
- One of my highlights in the Academy is the extra learning time and individual attention we receive. Rachel A.
- What I like about The Academy is being around people of my academic level. I can learn from them. Esther
- The Academy is great because it helps me work at things I'm not great at like math. Brittany
- The Academy has opened my eyes to what I can really do.- Aaron W.
- The Academy allows us more time to work on homework and going on field trips. Anthony
- The Academy is challenging and great. Kevin
- The teachers are great and you learn a lot. Nicole G.
- The Academy is the best middle school. Julia R.
- Academy teachers are friendly and understanding. They care about student learning. Clark S.
- We get some real cool PE choices like swimming, golf, dance, hockey, football, water polo and wrestling. Adam
- I love to learn!! That is why I am in the Academy!! Sarah
- In the Academy, my grades have skyrocketed. Alexa H.
- One of the things I really like is the care and patience teachers give the students. Derek M.
- What I like about the Academy is that it has high expectations. Brook B.

Directions to The Academy at Black Mountain Middle School

From I-15:

- **Exit 56 Freeway and head West for approximately 2 miles.**
- **Exit at Black Mountain Road and turn right.**
- **Turn right on Oviedo Street.**

From I-5:

- **Exit 56 Freeway and head East for approximately 6 miles.**
- **Exit at Black Mountain Road and turn left.**
- **Turn right on Oviedo Street.**

Black Mountain Middle School is proud of its 32-year tradition of excellence, high expectations, and strong support for student learning. As a 1999-2000 National Blue Ribbon School and a California Distinguished School, Black Mountain continues to provide an environment that motivates all students to learn. The Academy continues this tradition of excellence.



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Mission Statement

*We, the teachers, students,
parents, and administration
of The Academy will
develop the academic,
intellectual, and character
traits of all our students so
that they will be prepared to
succeed in high school,
college, and the competitive
world beyond.*

Five Pillars

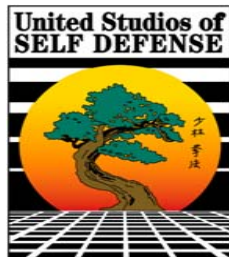
High Expectations: *The Academy* has defined, observable expectations for academic achievement and conduct. Every student is expected to be successful and excuses are never accepted.

Choice and Commitment: Students, parents and teachers choose to be at *The Academy*. No one is forced to attend or participate. Therefore, everyone must make and uphold a commitment to the school and to each other, and agree to dedicate the time and effort necessary to achieve success.

More Time: There are no shortcuts when it comes to helping students succeed academically. *Academy* students attend school 28% more hours than do students in traditional classes.

Focus on Results: All students are expected to achieve. Hard work, responsible behavior, and persistence are valued above perceptions of innate ability.

Authority to Lead: The principal, teachers, parents, and students will be responsible for the success of *The Academy*. Each will lead through example.



858-484-3134

Student's Commitment:

I fully commit in the following ways:

- I will arrive at *The Academy* by 7:40 a.m. and stay until 1:15 p.m. every day during the summer session and until 3:25 p.m. during the regular school year. Summer session is mandatory and begins near the end of June.
- I expect to be successful, and I know that excuses for marginal performance are **never** accepted. I value hard work, responsible behavior, and persistence above all else. I am responsible for my own behavior.
- I will do whatever it takes to learn. I will always work, think, and behave in the best way I know. I agree to dedicate the time and effort to achieve success.
- I will complete all my homework every night and I will call my teacher if I have a problem with homework or a problem about coming to school, and I will raise my hand and ask questions if I do not understand something in class. If I make a mistake, I will tell the truth and accept personal responsibility for my own actions.
- I will take responsibility for my own success and monitor my own class performance by accessing *Learning Point*.
- I will always behave in a respectful manner that protects the safety, interests and rights of every individual of *The Academy*.

NO EXCUSES

Parent/Guardian Commitment:

I fully commit in the following ways:

- I will make sure that my child arrives at *The Academy* on time during the summer session and the regular school year.
- I will do whatever it takes for my child to learn. I will check my child's homework every night, let him/her call the teacher if there is a problem with homework, sign and return all tests, and ensure that my child reads at least 180 minutes every week.
- I will always make myself available to my child and *The Academy*, and address any concerns they may have.
- I will carefully read all correspondence sent home from school including Learning Point.
- I understand that my child must follow the rules so as to protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals.
- I will attend all *Academy* functions and volunteer a minimum of 20 hours in a school year.

Teacher Commitment:

I fully commit in the following ways:

- I will do whatever it takes to ensure student success and learning.
- I will return messages between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday. Cell phone messages may be left for me at anytime. I will maintain a LearningPoint website.
- I will always protect the safety, interests and rights of all students.