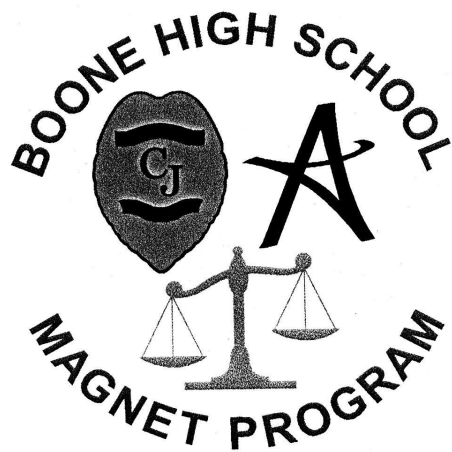


# **Magnet Program**



## **Student Handbook**

**William R. Boone High School**

**Academies of**

**Criminal Justice**

**Finance**

**Law**

## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations and welcome to **William R. Boone High School** and specifically to the magnet program. We are excited that you will be spending the next four years at Boone focused on academics, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

The William R. Boone High School Magnet Program is composed of three Academies: **Criminal Justice, Finance, and Law**. Each Academy has policies, requirements, and expectations that are unique to their area of study and there are many which pertain to the Magnet student body as a whole, and are addressed in this handbook.

An important goal of the program is to expose students to real-life situations within their occupational fields. At the same time, the program will prepare students for the challenges they may face in a college or career by providing a rigorous academic program.

To accomplish these goals, we strive to maintain a professional environment with high academic and behavioral standards. Please read the handbook and refer to it for answers to questions that may arise.

The administration, faculty, and staff are here to help you become successful in your area of study. Please contact us with any concerns.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students must maintain a 3.0 overall weighted GPA; attain a “B” each quarter in the core magnet class as well as a “C” in other magnet honors classes (English and Social Studies) to remain in the Magnet Program. Students required to take Intensive Reading must attain a “C” each quarter in that course.

- At the end of each quarter, students not meeting the grade requirement in any of the above can be placed on **academic probation** with a letter to the parents indicating the probationary status. Students placed on probation will have a conference including the student, parent(s), counselor and Magnet teachers to devise a plan of action.
- Students on continuous probation and not meeting the requirements will be subject to removal from the Magnet Program at the end of semester one or semester two.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Students who are not meeting the academic requirements can ask for tutoring appointments from their teachers, or obtain private tutoring. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of The Writing Center, Khan Academy, and all teacher suggested programs, tutoring, or strategies for learning.

Parent support is a vital component to help our students be successful. It is encouraged that parents monitor his/her students' grades and attendance via CANVAS and Skyward online portal on a weekly basis. Each parent has the ability to set up a parent CANVAS account and a Parent Skyward account. If you have a particular question or concern regarding your student's academic progress, please email the individual teachers first. If needed, call the school Magnet counselor to set up a parent/teacher conference that the student must attend.

## GRADUATION CORDS

Listed are the criteria for issuance of graduation honor cords to Academy Seniors:

- **Magnet Cord (orange)**  
Successful participation in the Magnet Program requirements held on Boone High School Campus.
- **Criminal Justice (blue)**  
Successful completion of Criminal Justice I, II and III coupled with a C or better on the Valencia Assessment and The Federal Project. Seniors must also receive a C or better in the Valencia Criminal Justice class taken each semester in their senior year, or successfully complete the full year of AP U.S. Government/AP Macroeconomics held at Boone High School. Failure to complete the entire year of AP Government/AP Macroeconomics with a “C” or better in both classes will result in earning only a Magnet cord, but not a Criminal Justice Cord.
- **Finance (brown)**  
Successful completion in Accounting Application I, Digital Information technology, Finance and Business Technology, Personal Finance and AP Micro and Macroeconomics with a “B” or better. Completion of a 150-hour internship in a financial related position with a B average. Internships will be approved by the instructor.
- **Law (gold)**  
Successful completion at Boone High School Law program. Classes include: Debate, Comprehensive Law, Court Procedure/Court Procedures Junior Year Internship and a full year of AP U.S. Government (B or better)/AP Comparative Government (B or better.) Failure to complete the entire year of AP Government/AP Comparative Government (i.e. withdrawing from the course at semester’s end due to sub-average grades to take American Govt. Honors for grade forgiveness) will result in earning only a Magnet cord, but not a Law Cord.
- **Mock Trial Team (maroon, purple, and royal blue)**  
Successful completion in one or more seasons on Boone’s competitive Mock Trial Team. Participate in the circuit and/or state competitions sponsored by the Florida Law Related Education Association. Complete a minimum of 10 community service hours in events organized by Boone’s Mock Trial Team or in which the Team participates.
- **Speech, Debate and Interpretation Team (Red and Gray)**  
Successful continuation (10th-12th grades) of participation on Boone’s Speech, Debate and Interpretation team including competing in a minimum of 2 varsity tournaments per year will earn student’s membership into the National Speech and Debate Association’s Honor society and a chord at graduation.

## **PROFESSIONAL DRESS AND APPEARANCE**

Students are required to follow the professional dress guidelines established by each academy. Professional dress is worn on the day designated by each academy, typically on Wednesday. Students must wear uniform/ professional attire the entire school day. Criminal Justice students must also meet grooming standards aligned with those who work in public service. Please see your instructor for further details or changes.

Any student required to dress differently on that day per a coach or club sponsor's request must pre-arrange to make up the professional dress day with their teacher.

On a daily basis, magnet students are expected to maintain an appearance indicative of the professional academy they represent. Minimally, the students must meet the school's dress code, but the Magnet Committee reserves the right to address individual issues.

- **Natural coloring in hair and a style considered professional**
- No visible piercing is allowed for professional dress (Female students are only allowed to wear one pair of studs.)
- **Tattoos may not be visible**
- **Minimally the students must meet the school's dress code, but the Magnet Team reserves the right to address individual needs.**

**Remember:** *Think “professional” when making choices. You only have one chance to make a good first impression!*

## **MAGNET DISCIPLINE**

Students are required to follow the Orange County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct. If a student is found in violation of school rules, the student will be referred to the discipline office and consequences may be administered. The Magnet Committee, however, reserves the right to address the violation and place a student on behavioral probation or remove the student from the Magnet program. Failure to improve identified behaviors may result in removal from the magnet program.

### **Absences/Make-up Work/Tardies**

Students are required to follow the Orange County Public Schools and Boone High School Attendance Policy. With an **excused** absence, a student will be allowed the number of days absent plus one to make up all necessary makeup work (FS 1003.26). If a student comes late or leaves early on a day an assignment is due, but misses that class, the student is responsible to turn the assignment in before he/she leaves or when he/she arrives to school. It should be remembered it is the **student's** responsibility to make arrangements with each instructor to make up missed work.

**It is vital that students are on time and present on a daily basis to maintain a high academic standing in the Magnet Program.** Students with excessive absences and/or tardies could face loss of privilege within their program and may be placed on probation until the situation improves.

## **Participation**

Involvement in the program includes, but is not limited to:

- The student must demonstrate willingness to participate and develop leadership skills in classroom and extra-curricular activities.
- Students are required to attend all related activities AND any local, state, or national field trips including speech & debate competitions. Students could be excluded from extracurricular magnet activities due to repeated disciplinary infractions.
- Participation in a summer internship, if required by a specific academy.
- Parents must provide transportation for required events if it is not provided.

## **MAGNET ETHICS**

Ethics on the job, in the classroom, and on a playing field are of utmost importance. This is why the Magnet Program takes ethics and personal integrity very seriously. Students will be asked to sign an honor code contract.

***Remember the motto: “Boone students today... Brave leaders tomorrow.”***

### **Boone High School Magnet Honor Code**

As a student and citizen of Boone High School, I will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do.

### **Cheating includes, but is not limited to the following examples:**

- Taking, stealing, sharing, duplicating and/or using an assignment from someone else and submitting it as one's own.
- Allowing another student to take and/or use an assignment to submit as his own.
- Discussing a test or quiz with students who have not completed the assignment.
- Unauthorized use of teacher test materials, answer sheets, computer files, or grading programs.
- Having or using any type of “cheat notes,” or having information programmed and/or stored in any electronic devices.
- Browsing websites while testing on the computer
- Accessing cellular device during exams

### **Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to the following acts:**

- Directly quoting or paraphrasing all or part of another's written or spoken words without notes or documentation including information downloaded from the internet.
- Presenting an idea, theory, or formula originated by another person as the original work of the person submitting the work.
- Purchasing or receiving in any manner a term paper or other assignment that is the work of another person and submitting that assignment as the student's own work.

### **Consequences of cheating and plagiarizing may include, but are not limited to the following:**

- Automatic zero for the assignment in question with no opportunity to make up that work.
- Teacher will submit a discipline referral.
- Additional penalties may be imposed by the Magnet and other organizations including:
  - Loss of other privileges, positions, or opportunities requiring trustworthiness and responsibility.
  - Behavioral probation, which could result in removal from the program

## PERMISSION RELEASE

In order to facilitate learning in a real-world environment, the Magnet Program at **William R. Boone High School** will expose your child to a variety of experiences. Please sign and date the following to ensure your student will be able to fully participate in our program.

1. Attendance and participation in off-campus field trips as mandated by the curriculum of his or her academy. Transportation will be provided by parent volunteers, Magnet teachers, or by bus.
2. I understand my student will be meeting and speaking with members of the business community, those who work in the field of criminal justice, and those who work in the legal field, as well as other relevant guests to enhance the academy experience. Criminal Justice students will be exposed to topics that may be sensitive in nature. Students should communicate with teachers if they feel uncomfortable or have been a victim of a crime for which class conversations or lectures could be upsetting.
3. The use of my student's photo/name/video image for promotional use of the Magnet Program, Boone High School or Orange County Public Schools.

I hereby grant permission for my student, \_\_\_\_\_, with regards to the above.

I have read and acknowledged the Honor Code.

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Student Signature	Print Name	Date
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Parent Signature	Print Name	Date
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## SCHOOL COPY

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO STUDENT'S CORE INSTRUCTOR

I have read and understand the **Magnet Student's Handbook**, and these rules will be in effect during my enrollment at BHS unless notified otherwise.

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Student Signature	Print Name	Date
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Parent Signature	Print Name	Date
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