

Howell Schools Fire Academy

Welcome to Howell Schools Fire Academy, where we take pride in training the next generation of firefighters. Our program is designed to provide comprehensive training for high school juniors and seniors, emphasizing hands-on skills, dedication, and discipline. The program runs daily from 7am-9am at Brighton Area Fire station 34 located at 2755 Dorr Rd. Brighton MI. Our exceptional instructors and state-of-the-art facilities prepare our students for the State of Michigan Fire I & II certification exam through various training programs focused on fire safety and emergency response. The Howell Schools Fire Academy is a State of Michigan approved Firefighter I & II certification class. Students must attend a minimum of 90% of classroom training, 100% of practical skills training and submit 100% of homework assignments and pass the class with a 70% or higher to be eligible to test for the Michigan Firefighter I & II Certification; which is necessary to become either a part-time or full-time firefighter. The program is run in a para-military fashion, with students wearing required uniforms and daily inspections. In addition, students will be required to participate in physical training (PT) sessions at least twice a week, doing strength and cardiovascular training. Protective clothing weighs 25 pounds, with the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) weighing another 25 pounds. In addition to the 2 period block for normal class meeting times, one additional Saturday per month is required, allowing the students more time to get into scenario-based practical skills training. While individual skills must be completed, emphasis is placed on teamwork. Students will be broken down into work groups, called companies, for much of the required class time. During the fire academy, students will be encouraged to apply for Jr. Cadet positions in the fire department serving their area. This is not required, as student schedules and home situations may not make this available to students. Jr. Cadets are part of a structured program, giving cadets exposure to the fire station, familiarity with apparatus and co-workers, and gives them a roadmap on how to proceed in the organization to a full-fledged firefighter position. See your counselor for program details or application. For questions related to the program content: LT. Chad Nickels, Lead instructor at: cnickels@Brightonareafire.com or call 517-643-3130

