



A strong foundation – for a brilliant future

As Florida’s only Medical Arts Magnet School, Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School has designed a truly unique educational model. The program offers a curriculum of high academic rigor focusing on the medical arts; by adding one grade per year, the school will eventually serve students in grades 6–12. Here, students are challenged, inspired, and fully equipped to pursue careers in a variety of medical fields – from nurse or doctor to administrator or pharmacist.

As a result, Darnell-Cookman’s students emerge from the school with a greater understanding of the field of medicine – and a deeper appreciation for learning in general.

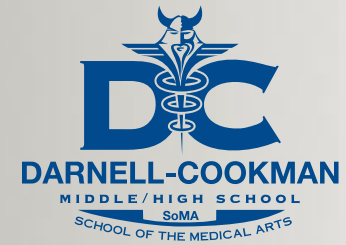
The Tradition Grows

Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School, School of the Medical Arts (SoMA), is built on a tradition of excellence with a mission to offer its students a rigorous curriculum in the medical arts, emphasizing personal integrity, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, and a passion for lifelong learning.

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Gifted, Academically Talented and Medical Magnet School College Preparatory





Darnell-Cookman Middle School Medical Magnet Program

Students who are accepted to the medical magnet program are assigned to an advanced and/or gifted team and attend advanced and/or gifted classes. Medical magnet students participate in the program during their elective period for one semester in 6th grade and for the entire year in 7th and 8th grades. The program is taught through guest speakers, visits to clinics and hospitals, and hands-on experiences. During the two-and-one-half-year program, students learn about the human body functions, the disease process, and the medical professionals who work to treat us and keep us healthy. Students in the medical magnet program remain for grades 6th through 8th. It is recommended that students enter the program in 6th grade.

Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School Highlights

- 2008 National Blue Ribbon School for Academic Excellence (awarded by the U.S. Department of Education)
- All Advanced, Gifted, Honors and AP classes
- Accelerated Math Program
- Science and History Fair Projects
- Rewards for high achieving students
- Program continuity to Darnell Middle/High School of the Medical Arts, Paxon School for Advanced Studies or Stanton College Preparatory School
- National Board Certified Teachers on Staff

Enrichment Opportunities

- Academic Teams
- National Honor and Junior Honor Society
- 7th grade Duke Talent Identification Program
- Preliminary SAT (PSAT)
- Computer Labs and Internet Access
- Variety of extracurricular activities
- Variety of 7th and 8th grade athletic teams
- Regularly win the "All Sports" trophy
- High School Intramurals

Expectations

Darnell-Cookman students experience success when they:

- Attend school regularly
- Practice good citizenship
- Are punctual
- Practice good study habits
- Are prepared and eager to learn
- Work independently
- Complete assignments on time
- Cooperate in group activities
- Follow directions
- Communicate with parents and teachers

Benefits

Darnell-Cookman students will become:

- Intellectually stimulated
- Time managers
- Problem solvers
- Critical thinkers
- Able to meet the challenges of the future
- Socially interactive
- Goal setters
- Aware of community needs
- Excited about learning

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Directions: Take I-95 to 8th Street, travel east on 8th Street, turn right onto Davis Street N. Darnell-Cookman is across from Shands Hospital.

Darnell-Cookman High School Honors/Advanced Placement Program of Study

Darnell-Cookman High School students are enrolled in all Honors or Advanced Placement classes. Students are academically prepared to be successful in the collegiate path to graduate studies for professional careers such as:

- Physician
- Dentist
- Veterinarian
- Biomedical Researcher
- Hospital Administrator
- Genetic Counselor
- Forensic Scientist
- Lawyer

Students of Darnell-Cookman School of the Medical Arts will work closely with faculty members and community partners such as physicians, surgeons, veterinarians, attorneys, hospital administrators, and other professionals throughout the program of study to create an environment which supports creative and independent academic exploration with real-world relevance, while maintaining high academic standards.

High school students will experience seminars with medical professionals and community leaders, opportunities to visit the University of Florida's Center for Simulation Education and Safety Research located at Shands of Jacksonville and the chance to do clinical internships to gain experience in their chosen fields. Students and teachers are part of a small learning community that fosters trust, allowing students to explore their interests and participate in classes where academic achievement is respected and celebrated.



Gifted/Advanced Program of Study

Darnell-Cookman Middle students are enrolled in advanced and/or gifted academic classes, as well as an elective and P.E./Health each year. (Students must be staffed as gifted with Duval County Public Schools to apply for the gifted program.) All students are given an opportunity to enhance their knowledge through hands-on learning experiences, guest speakers, and academic-related field trips.