

WHAT IS SBI @ HARRISBURG HIGH?

The School of Business & Industry Honors Prep Program is a partnership program between Florida A&M University's School of Business & Industry and Harrisburg High School. The goal of the prep program is to orient potentially high achieving students to the world of business and industry. Students learn business concepts and enhance and develop skills that are fundamental to their academic and personal and professional success.

This is done, in part, by promoting excellence in communication, research, and organization and leadership skills and by preparing the students for their College Board examinations. Students are involved in diverse courses and activities which include peer leadership and mediation training, the Stock Market Game, the Forensic Club, and SAT prep programs that enhance their educational process.

SBI is a competitive, innovative business and industry honors college prep program (10th-12th grades) where students must have at least a 3.00 grade point average with classes on the honors level in order to be accepted. Students and parents must sign a three-year SBI contract.

The course of study involves a rigorous innovative course of study with exposure to the "real world of business" for high achievers. Since its revitalization in July 2012, we have added an Intro to SBI and Personal and Professional Development phase for 9th graders. Its focus is to prepare high achieving 9th graders for the rigors of the prep program and to encourage them to maintain a 3.0 grade point average in order to meet the prerequisites established for acceptance into the dynamic SBI Honors Program. Students gain meaningful experiences and develop lifelong relationships through mentorships, professional business shadowing, internships, field trips, and on-line college courses.

The SBI program has developed a proven concept that complements our high school curriculum as well as better prepares our students for the future. With their background as Harrisburg High SBI prep scholars, they will succeed wherever they go.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the SBI Prep Program are:

- To enhance and develop students' critical thinking, listening, oral and written communication, and test taking skills.
- To increase the students' knowledge and understanding of the real corporate world.
- To provide students with an opportunity to understand and appreciate team participation and dynamics.
- To build student leadership skills.
- To improve students' self-esteem.
- To enhance students' overall preparation for college and/or the world of work.
- To increase the business sector's support of and involvement in Harrisburg High School.
- To expose students to entrepreneurship.
- To guide students in making the proper career choices.
- To teach students professionalism needed to survive in the world of work.