MARSHALL COUNTY CAREER ACADEMY

“THE BEGINNING OF A WORK READY COMMUNITY”
WHAT IS CAREER ACADEMY?

• CAREER ACADEMY IS A TWO YEAR ACADEMY AT MCHS WITH A FOCUS ON STUDENTS GETTING A HEAD START ON THEIR CAREER OR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN A CAREER AREA. STUDENTS IN CAREER ACADEMY WILL CONNECT THEIR PERSONAL, ACADEMIC, AND CAREER GOALS. CAREER ACADEMY COURSEWORK IS BASED AROUND STUDENT CAREER GOALS AND PERSONAL INTERESTS.

• STUDENTS WILL BE ENGAGED IN EXPLORATORY LEARNING BASED AROUND THEIR CAREER INTERESTS AND PERSONAL LEARNING.
  • CAREER ACADEMY WILL USE COMPETENCY BASED GRADING SYSTEM, SELF-GUIDED INSTRUCTION, AND PROJECT BASED LEARNING.
  • THE COMPETENCIES FOR EACH COURSE WILL BE DEVELOPED BY THE INSTRUCTOR, STATE GUIDELINES, AND THE STUDENT.
  • EACH STUDENT WILL HAVE INPUT INTO THEIR GRADUATION PROFILE.
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

• TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS A GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCED EMPLOYMENT IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY.
WHAT IS THE CAREER ACADEMY LEARNING MODEL? HOW IS CAREER ACADEMY DIFFERENT FROM THE LEGACY MODEL?

• THE CAREER ACADEMY PRIMARY LEARNING MODEL IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING COLLABORATIVE (ILC) USING A COMPETENCY-BASED CREDIT FRAMEWORK. THE ILC MODEL BRINGS TOGETHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND INDUSTRY TO CREATE PROJECTS AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT MEET OR EXCEED THE LEARNING TARGETS, OR COMPETENCIES, PREDETERMINED BY THE TEACHER TO MEET STATE AND NATIONAL ACADEMIC STANDARDS.

• THROUGH WORKSHOPS, INDEPENDENT WORK, GROUP PROJECTS, SEMINARS, AND/OR FIELD STUDY, STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE KEY CORE DISCIPLINARY CONCEPTS AND 21ST CENTURY SKILLS ALIGNED WITH THE MARSHALL COUNTY DISTRICT GRADUATION PROFILE.

• STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT BASED ON THE WORK THEY COMPLETE AS DEMONSTRATED BY MASTERY OF TARGETED COMPETENCIES. IN CONTRAST, THE LEGACY MODEL OR TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS AWARD STUDENTS CREDIT BASED ON “SEAT TIME” OR THE NUMBER OF MINUTES IN THE COURSE CONTENT WITH ALL STUDENTS WORKING ON THE SAME TASKS AT THE SAME TIME.
WHAT IS THE CAREER ACADEMY CURRICULUM?

• STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO EARN THE STATE 22 CREDIT GRADUATION REQUIREMENT WITH 4 CREDITS IN ELA, 4 CREDITS IN MATHEMATICS, 3 CREDITS IN SCIENCE, AND 3 CREDITS IN SOCIAL STUDIES. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE: .5 HEALTH, .5 PHYSICAL EDUCATION, 1 ARTS APPRECIATION, AND ELECTIVE CREDITS.

• STUDENTS MUST ALSO RECEIVE A “NCRC SILVER CERTIFICATE” ON THE WORK KEYS EXAM, A PASSING SCORE ON INDUSTRY SPECIFIC KOSSA EXAM, OR RECEIVE INDUSTRY SPECIFIC CERTIFICATION.

• STUDENTS MUST ALSO MEET THE BASIC COMPETENCIES AS DEFINED IN THE MC GRADUATE PROFILE.
## Sample Career Academy 4-Year Plan

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DOES CAREER ACADEMY WEIGHT GRADES, OFFER AN HONORS DIPLOMA, OR PARTICIPATE IN CLASS RANKING TOWARD VALEDICTORIAN OR SALUTATORIAN?

• NO. STUDENTS IN CAREER ACADEMY HAVE A SEPARATE SYSTEM OF GRADING FROM THE LEGACY MODEL AND AS SUCH, ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE OVERALL CALCULATION OF GPA FOR CLASS RANKINGS.

• CAREER ACADEMY STUDENTS MAY GRADUATE AS HONOR STUDENTS WITH THE PEERS IN THE LEGACY MODEL.

• FOR COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS, A GPA WILL BE CONFIGURED BASED ON A STUDENT'S COMPLETED CREDITS AND A CLASS RANKING CAN BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE STUDENT'S GPA AS COMPARED TO THE GPA OF THE LEGACY MODEL STUDENTS.
HOW DO I KNOW IF CAREER ACADEMY IS THE RIGHT FIT FOR ME?

- CAREER ACADEMY IS FOCUSED ON A GROWTH MINDSET MODEL OF EXPLORATORY LEARNING WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY, SELF-MOTIVATION, INQUIRY, AND PERSEVERANCE. STUDENTS MUST BE ABLE TO THINK INNOVATIVELY AND CREATIVELY AND BE WILLING TO TAKE RISKS AND LEARN WITH THE MINDSET TO GROW AND IMPROVE.
CAREER ACADEMY MIGHT BE A GOOD MODEL FOR YOU IF ....

• YOU ARE MOTIVATED AND ENGAGED BY LEARNING.
• YOU CAN BE SELF-MOTIVATED AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME.
• YOU ARE NOT AFRAID TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT CONCEPTS OF LEARNING.
• YOU ARE CURRENTLY INVESTED OR HAVE A STRONG PASSION FOR A CAREER FIELD.
• YOU HAVE AN INTEREST TO LEARN SKILLS AND APPLY ON THE JOB.
• YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN DIFFERENT LEARNING EXPERIENCES – SUCH AS PEER-TEACHING, INTERNSHIPS, CO-OPS, AND APPRENTICESHIPS.
• CAREER ACADEMY MIGHT NOT BE A GOOD MODEL FOR YOU IF ....
  • YOU ENJOY TRADITIONAL CLASS SETTINGS IN DESKS AND ROWS.
  • YOU ARE NOT SELF-MOTIVATED TO INVESTIGATE AND EXPLORE NEW CONCEPTS.
  • YOU DO NOT WANT TO WORK WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR TO CREATE YOUR OWN PROJECTS OR PRODUCTS TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED, BUT PREFER TO TAKE A TEST OR EXAM.
  • YOU WANT TO FOCUS ON AN ALL AP COURSE SCHEDULE OR ARE SEEKING HIGH CLASS RANKING FOR VALEDICTORIAN OR SALUTATORIAN.
  • YOU DO NOT WISH TO COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP, A CO-OP EXPERIENCE, OR AN APPRENTICESHIP.
CAREER ACADEMY MEETS ON THE CAMPUS OF MARSHALL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL/TECHNICAL CENTER DURING NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS. STUDENTS MAY EARN CREDITS FOR PARTICIPATING IN ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY UPON APPROVAL FROM THEIR TEACHER AND/OR MENTOR. NORMAL CLASS FEES WILL APPLY - HOWEVER, THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL COST TO STUDENTS TO ATTEND CAREER ACADEMY.
GENERAL QUESTIONS

• CAN I PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS IF I AM ENROLLED IN CAREER ACADEMY? - - YES
• WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO EARN KEES MONEY? - - YES
• WILL I BE READY FOR THE ACT? - - YES
HOW DO I GET INTO CAREER ACADEMY? IS THERE AN APPLICATION?

• ANY STUDENT WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE CAREER ACADEMY AND WHO HAS MET ALL PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENTS, MUST OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FROM ONE OF THE CAREER ACADEMY TEACHERS. (OR TONIGHT)

• THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT AND RETURNED BY THE DEADLINE.

• IF THE APPLICATION IS LATE OR NOT FULLY COMPLETED – IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

• STUDENTS THAT GET INTO CAREER ACADEMY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A PARENT MEETING WITH - PROGRAM AREA INSTRUCTOR, MATH OR ENGLISH TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR, AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE.
IS THERE A CONTRACT IN THE CAREER ACADEMY?

• YES, THERE IS A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STUDENT, PARENTS, AS WELL AS PROGRAM AREA INSTRUCTOR, MATH OR ENGLISH TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR, AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

• THIS CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED AND FOLLOWED BY ALL MEMBERS.
WHAT IF I FALL BEHIND AND AM NOT EARNING ALL MY CREDITS?

• STUDENTS WILL MEET EACH WEEK WITH THEIR ADVISOR/PROGRAM AREA INSTRUCTOR TO CHECK THEIR PROGRESS WITH PARENT MEETINGS AT THE END OF EACH SEMESTER TO DISCUSS STUDENT PROGRESS.

• STUDENTS WILL MONITOR THEIR OWN PROGRESS.

• IF A STUDENT FAILS TO MAKE ADEQUATE PROGRESS, THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE INTERVENTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE LEGACY MODEL- EXTENDED SCHOOL SERVICES, ONLINE CREDIT RECOVERY, AND TARGETED INTERVENTION WITH CAREER ACADEMY FACULTY.

• IF STUDENTS CONTINUE TO FAIL TO MAKE ADEQUATE PROGRESS, THE STUDENT WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER TRANSFERRING TO STAR ACADEMY.
CAN I RETURN TO THE LEGACY PATH, IF I CHOOSE?

• THE ONLY OPTION FOR RETURN TO THE LEGACY PATH IS WITHIN THE FIRST 30 DAYS. AFTER THAT TIME STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE THEY WANT OUT OF THE CAREER ACADEMY OR WHO ARE NOT SUCCEEDING IN THE CAREER ACADEMY – MUST ATTEND STARS TO COMPLETE REMAINING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.
QUESTIONS????

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS – AT A LATER TIME – PLEASE CONTACT –
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IF YOU DO NOT FEEL THAT THE CAREER ACADEMY IS THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU OR YOUR CHILD – PLEASE LEAVE THE PAPERWORK BEHIND. HOWEVER, IF YOU THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT FIT – FEEL FREE TO TAKE YOUR PACKET WITH YOU!

THANK YOU – MCHS CAREER ACADEMY