

DESIGN MANUAL 2024-2025

Career Academies of Goose Creek CISD

The National Standards of Practice, established by the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC), are the guidelines and expectations of all GCCISD Career Academies. The National Standards of Practice can be found on the NCAC website (<u>www.ncacinc.com</u>).



NATIONAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

I. Defined Mission and Goals

The career academy has a written mission, goals, and benchmarks. These are developed, reviewed, available, and known by the administrators, teachers, students, parents, advisory board, and others involved in the academy. These include at least the following elements: connect postsecondary education and career; raise and maintain student aspirations; increase student achievement; show a commitment to equity.

II. Academy Design

An academy has a well-defined design within the high school, reflecting its status as a small learning community.

III. Host Community and High School

Career academies exist in a variety of district and high school contexts, which are important determinants of an academy's success.

IV. Faculty and Staff

Appropriate staff selection, leadership, credentialing, and cooperation are critical to an academy's success.

V. Professional Development and Continuous Learning

Since an academy places teachers and other adults into roles not normally included in their previous training, providing adequate professional development time, leadership, and support is critical.

VI. Governance and Leadership

The academy has a governing structure that incorporates the explicit roles of all stakeholders and the leaders of the advisory board.

VII. Teaching and Learning

The teaching and learning within an academy meet or exceed external standards and postsecondary entrance requirements while differing from a comprehensive high school by focusing learning around a career theme.

VIII. Employer, Post-Secondary Education, and Community Involvement

A career academy links high school to its host community and involves members of the employer, postsecondary education, and civic community in certain aspects of its operation.

IX. Student Assessment

Improvements in student performance are central to an academy's mission. It is important to gather data that reflect whether students are showing improvement and to report these accurately and fairly to maintain the academy's integrity.

X. Sustainability

No new academy functions perfectly. Even well established and highly functioning academies benefit from self-examination and refinement. Ensuring and improving the quality of a career academy requires engaging in a regular cycle of improvement.

I. DEFINED MISSION AND GOALS

Each GCCISD career academy has a written definition of its mission, goals, and benchmarks that are developed and approved by its advisory board. Administrators, teachers, students, parents, advisory board, and others involved in the academy have easy access to them and they are posted in each classroom and posted in the academy classrooms. These documents include the following elements and more:

- a. Providing college and career connections
- b. Raising student aspirations and thereby increasing the level of students' motivation
- c. Dedication to improving student achievement of all students, not focusing on high achieving students only
- d. Commitment to equity and proportionate representation of students from all ethnic groups and special populations.
- e. Involvement of all stakeholders involved in the career academy

II. ACADEMY DESIGN

GCCISD career academies have a well-defined design within their high schools, reflecting its status as a small learning community within the larger campus. Below is the design type selected for each career academy:

| ACADEMY | LOCATION | ACADEMY DESIGN |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Advanced Automotive Academy | Stuart Career Tech HS | PTECH Wall-to-Wall |
| Agricultural Science Academy | Stuart Career Tech HS | PTECH Wall-to-Wall |
| Culinary Arts Academy | Stuart Career Tech HS | PTECH Wall-to-Wall |
| Career Academy of Future Educators | Ross S. Sterling HS | PTECH Pocket Academy |
| Digital Communications Academy | Stuart Career Tech HS | PTECH Wall-to-Wall |
| *Global Business Academy | Goose Creek Memorial HS | Pocket Academy |
| **Health Science Academy | Ross S. Sterling HS | PTECH Pocket Academy |
| Information Technology | Stuart Career Tech HS | PTECH Wall-to-Wall |
| Manufacturing & Industrial | Stuart Career Tech HS | PTECH Wall-to-Wall |
| Maintenance Academy | | |
| *STEM-Engineering Academy Robert E. Lee HS PTECH Pocket Academy | | |
| *National Model Career Academy **N | ational Model Career Academy with Dis | tinction |

Design Expectations:

a. Cross-grade articulation: Each GCCISD career academy incorporates all four-years of the high school experience into its 4-year plan. Teachers team to develop curriculum and instruction vertically and horizontally. Incoming 9th grade students have the opportunity to attend a summer bridge that introduces career exploration and the academy experience. Each academy has a clear program of study that includes a definitive course sequence based upon the templates below:

REGULAR LEVEL STUDENTS (sequences may vary based upon academy, minimum of 3 core integrated academic disciplines based upon career theme alignment)

| | 9 TH | 10 TH | 11 TH | 12 TH |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ELA | English I | English II | English III | English IV |
| MATH | Algebra I | Geometry | Algebra II | Pre-Cal |
| SCIENCE | Biology | Chemistry | Physics / Principles | Advanced Science |
| | | | of Technology | |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | World Geography | World History | U.S. History | Government/ Economics |

| OTHER GRAD | Foreign Language I | Foreign Language | Fine Art | |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REQUIREMENTS | | П | | |
| ACADEMY | Academy Coherent | Academy Coherent | Academy Coherent | Academy Coherent |
| ELECTIVE | Sequence I | Sequence I | Sequence I | Sequence I |
| OTHER GRAD | Physical Education | Elective | Elective | |
| REQUIREMENTS | | | | |
| ELECTIVE | AVID | Elective | Elective | Elective |

ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENTS (Core Complete)

| | 9 TH | 10 TH | 11 TH | 12 TH |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| ELA | English I Honors | English II Honors | AP English III | AP English IV |
| | | | | ENGL 1301/1302 |
| MATH | Geometry Honors | Algebra II | Pre-Cal | MATH 1314 / 2412 |
| SCIENCE | Biology Honors | Chemistry Honors | AP Physics | Advanced Science |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | AP Human | World History | AP U.S. History or | AP Government or |
| | Geography | Honors | HIST 1301/1302 | GOVT 2305 / 2306 |
| OTHER GRAD | BCIS 1305 / | Foreign Language I | Foreign Language | ARTS MUSI 1306 or DRAM |
| REQUIREMENTS | Elective | | II | 1310 |
| ACADEMY | Academy Coherent | Academy Coherent | Academy Coherent | Academy Coherent |
| ELECTIVE | Sequence I | Sequence I | Sequence I | Sequence I |
| OTHER GRAD | Physical Education | KINE 1304 | Elective | Economics |
| REQUIREMENTS | | | | |
| ELECTIVE | EDUC 1200/AVID | PSYC 2301/ SPCH | BIOL 1406/ 1407 | ENGL 23XX / Elective |
| | | 1315 | | |

b. Entry into each academy is voluntary and the application is accessible to every student in the 8th grade.

- In order to maintain the smaller learning community that makes students in each of these High School Options successful, the number of students accepted into each High School Option is limited. Therefore, applicants may apply for their first choice, second choice and third choice among these High School Options in the application. All efforts will be made to match students to their first choice, however final decisions will be determined by the number of applicants for each High School Option. When more students apply for a High School Option than can be accommodated, <u>a performance-blind, open-access lottery system will be used to select students</u>.
- Students and parents should very carefully review the information on each High School Option included in the High School Options Booklet, available on the GCCISD Career & Technical Education Web Page (www.gccisd.net/cte).
- The application deadline is set to allow students and parents ample time to complete. Once the application is submitted, it can be edited until this deadline.

The recruitment/selection process is written and widely available.

- HS Options Booklet (English & Spanish)
- ParentSquare Communications
- Announcements at School
- District social media
- Recruitment activities for junior schools
- District College & Career Night

• Parent Nights/Academy Fairs/Lunch Visits

New students are provided with orientation to the academy based upon their own talents, aspirations, and interests. Parents or guardians participate in this process and approve of the choice made by their student.

• Parent Orientation meeting occurs between student notification and acceptance agreements due date.

Academy enrollment reflects the general high school population, including students with disabilities and English Language Learners.

- Blind-performance, open-access lottery
- Annual Demographic Review
- Preference in numbers to zoned students
- Transportation provided for non-zoned students

Academy Application Timeline

4-Stages

| | Recruitment | Application | Selection | Processing |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|

| Due Date | Time | Activity/Event | Person Responsible | Location |
|------------------|-----------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| May 7 & 8 | 9:00-2:00 | 7 th Grade HSO Recruitment Trips | CTE & Campus Staff | GCM, RSS, REL, SCTHS, Impact |
| Fall Semester | VARIES | CCR Sessions/Xello Activities | Junior School Staff | BJS, CBJS, EFGJS, GJS, HJS, HMJS |
| Sept. 10 | 10:00 | Principal Meeting –HS/ JS Principals for Event Planning | CTE Assoc. Director, CTE Facilitator, Director CCR & Counseling | Admin |
| Sept. 18 | 9:00-2:00 | JS Counselor & Diagnostician: HS Options Timeline Update | CTE Staff | SCTHS |
| Oct. 9 | 4:30-6:30 PM | Horace Mann JS HSO Parent Meeting | CTE Staff, Academy Ambassadors | НМЈ |
| Oct. 21-25 | 9-2 | 8 th Grade Maritime & Logistics Tours | CTE & Campus Staff | REL, Lee College |
| Oct. 22 | 10:00-1:00 | BJS HSO Lunch Visit | CTE Staff, Academy Ambassadors | BJS |
| Oct. 23 | 6:00-7:30 РМ | College & Career Night | Guidance & Counseling, CTE | GCM |
| Oct. 24 | 5:00-6:30 PM | Highlands JS HSO Parent Meeting | CTE Staff, Impact, SCTHS | HJS |
| Nov. 1 | 9:00-2:00 | Maritime MS Expo | CTE Staff, JS Staff | San Jacinto Jr College |
| Nov. 4 | 5:30-7:30 PM | Cedar Bayou JS HSO Parent Meeting | CTE Staff, JS Staff | СВЈ |
| Nov. 6 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Gentry JS AVID Fair | JS Staff, CTE Staff, Academy Ambassadors | GJS |
| Nov. 18-21 | 9:00-2:00 | 7 th Grade Tours | CTE Staff, JS Staff, HS Staff | SCTHS/Impact |
| May 5-6 | 9:00-2:00 | 6 th Grade Tours | CTE Staff, JS Staff, HS Staff | GCM/RSS |
| | | JUNIOR SCHOOL COURSE SELECTIO | N WINDOW (JAN. 8-31) | |

| | | Academy, IMPACT, SCTHS, | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Oct. 21 | 8 A.M. | Cosmetology, Logistics & | Organizer: CTE Staff | Junior Schools, Web Page |
| 001.21 | | Maritime Application Available | | web Page |
| | Varies | Announcements Made at Junior Schools | JS Counselor | Junior Schools |
| <mark>?</mark> | 9:15-10:15 | Academies/Programs Presentation for 8 th graders | Organizer: CTE Staff | Point Alternative |
| <mark>TBD</mark> | 8:30-9:30 | Academies/CSME/IMPACT Presentation for 8 th graders | Organizer: CTE Staff | <mark>St. Joseph's</mark> |
| Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 | 5:00 PM | ParentSquare message to 8 th grade parents | CTE Staff/Communications | N/A |
| OctNov. | ALL DAY | Social Media Posts for all HS Options | Organizer: CTE Staff/Communications | N/A |
| Oct. 23 | 6:00-7:00 PM | Open lab night for application support | CTE Staff/ Impact | GCM |
| Dec. 2 | 11:59 P.M. | Applications deadline | Students | Online |
| Nov. | | Spanish HS Options Books posted on district website | CTE Staff/Communications | N/A |
| | | STUDENT SELEC | TION | |
| Dec. 4 | 8:00 AM | 1 st Choice Lotteries, Review Student Applications & determine placement | IMPACT & SCTHS Principals, CTE Staff | SCTHS |
| Dec. 5 | 2:00 PM | Mtg. to organize disbursement of letters to students @ junior schools | HS Options Team Leaders | САВ |
| Dec. 6 | 8:30 AM | Notification letters delivered to JS counselors | HS Options Team Leaders | Respective Junior Schools |
| Dec. 9-10 | 6:00-7:00 PM | Evening Parent Meeting/Team Building activity to welcome Academy students; Intra-District Agreement for Transfer Students completed. (All academies & cosmetology) | CTE Specialists/Campus Staff | @ Academy Campus/Impact |
| Dec. 13 | | Special Program List to Sped & 504 | CTE Staff | N/A |
| Dec. 12 | 5 P.M. | Decision Agreement & Transfer forms from Students Due to JS counselor | Students | JS Campuses |
| Dec. 13 | 8:00- 10:00/2:00 | Pick up Decision Agreement & Transfer forms from JS counselor/Sort | CTE Staff | JS Campuses/Robotics Center |
| Jan. 8 | | 2nd round application opens on web site | CTE Academies Specialist | САВ |
| | | ENROLLMENT PR | OCESS | |
| Dec. 18 | | All "Next Campus" changes due to PEIMS department | CTE Staff, SCTHS & Impact principals | САВ |
| Jan. 10 | | All "Next Campus" changes completed | PEIMS Office & JS Registrars | In TEAMS |

| Jan. 8 & update as needed | Waitlist & 2 nd Round applicants selected 1 st come/1 st served for any openings based upon the categories where opening occur (@ risk, zoned high school, etc.) | Lead for each HS Option | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Mar. 7 | Course Selection Sheets for academy students at main campuses changed to "AC" core classes and 9 th academy CTE course. | Academy Specialists with grade level Counselor | Respective Campuses |
| Jan. 21– Jul. 31 | Upload the Main Campus student's transfer agreement S:\Student Services\CTE Academy Students folder; update as necessary with additions/deletions. | CTE Specialists | S:\Student Services\CTE Academy Students |
| Sept. | STUDENT CODING IN TEAMS: ECHS, P-TECH & T-STEM | Lead for each HS Option | TEAMS |
| Sept. | All Academy students coded "AC" under district programs. | CTE Specialists, SCTHS | TEAMS/ District Programs |

c. GCCISD Academy classes consist of cohorted academy students who take a series of classes together each year. The academy students are enrolled in a minimum of four classes (50%) with their cohort unless they choose electives that interfere with the cohorted classes. Cohorted class sections have at least 80% academy students, non-academy students may be placed in these sections only, if necessary, not to exceed 20% of class enrollment. To assist in master scheduling, academy course numbers are created for cohorting.

| | | | CAREER ACADEMY C | OURSES | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| | ELA | | SOCIAL STUDIES | МАТН | | SCIENCE | |
| Course # | Description | Course # | Description | Course # | Description | Course # | Description |
| 04113 | English I HONORS AC | 03701 | World Geography HONORS AC | 05101 | Algebra I HONORS AC | 08501 | Biology HONORS AC |
| 04122 | English I AC | 03702 | World Geography AC | 05102 | Algebra I AC | 08502 | Biology AC |
| 04221 | English II HONORS AC | 03312 | World History AC | 05301 | Geometry HONORS AC | 08621 | Chemistry HONORS AC |
| 04222 | English II AC | 03301 | World History HONORS AC | 05302 | Geometry AC | 08622 | Chemistry AC |
| 04322 | English III AC | 03202 | US History AC | 05361 | Algebra 2 HONORS AC | 08722 | Physics AC |
| 04341 | AP ENG 3 AC | 03201 | AP US History AC | 05362 | Algebra 2 AC | 08721 | Physics HONORS AC |
| ENGL 1301 3AC | COL-ENG 3A AC | 03404 | Government AC | 05765 | PRE-CAL HONORS AC | 08764 | AP Biology AC |
| ENGL 1302 3AC | COL-ENG 3B AC | 03801 | Economics AC | 05752 | Pre-Calculus AC | 08755 | AP PHYSICS 1 AC |
| 04421 | English 4 AC | HIST 1301 | US History A | | | | |
| 04443 | AP English 4 AC | HIST 1302 | US History B | | | | |
| ENGL 1301 4AC | COL-ENG 4A AC | | | | | | |
| ENGL 1302 4AC | COL-ENG 4B AC | | | | | | |
| HE | ALTH SCIENCE | ENGINEERING | | BUSINESS | | EDUCATION | |
| Course # | Description | Course # | Description | Course # | Description | Course # | Description |
| H09841 | Principles of BioMedical AC | H09762 | PLTW-EngSci AC | H09724 | PRIN B/M/F AC | AC 19748 | Principles of Education & Training |
| H09793 | Human Body Systems AC | H09878 | INT ENGR DES AC | H19740 | Money Matters AC | AC 09748 | Child Development |
| H09773 | MEDINT AC | H09798 | PLTW-EnvSust AC | H19002 | Banking and Financial Services AC | AC 09737 | Instructional Practices |
| H09796 | PLTW-BioMed AC | H09768 | EDD AC | 19735 | Sports and Entertainment Marketing AC | AC 09738 | Practicum in Education & Training |
| AC 08833 | ANAT&PHYS AC | H19778 | Eng WId EDPS AC | 19735 | Business Law AC | AC 09736 | Practicum in E&T (2 nd time taken) |
| AC 19003 | PrinHlth SCI AC | H09735 | | | Practicum in Business Management AC | | OTHER |
| 19742 | Medical Terminology | 09940 | Prin of Applied Eng | H19732 | Business Management AC | AC 08113 | AVID I AC |
| AC 09742 | HS Theory AC | 09777 | AC/DC Electronics | 09731 | Business Information Management | AC 08123 | AVID II AC |
| AC 29003 | HST&Clinical AC | 09779 | Robotics I | | | AC 08133 | AVID III AC |
| H09743 | CCMA PRAC HS AC | 19779 | Robotics II | | | AC 08143 | AVID IV AC |
| AC 19743 | CNA Prac HS AC | | | | | | |
| H29743 | Pharmacy Tech | | ***Stuart Career Tee | ch High School acad | lemy courses vary based on High | er Education Partner | requirements. |

d. As much as possible, both academic and career and technical education (CTE) academy classrooms are near each other in the high school building. All rooms allow for flexible configurations required by project-based learning. The following construction projects have taken place or are planned to facilitate both proximity and flexibility:

| Funding Source | Campus | Project |
|----------------|----------|---|
| 2013 BOND | DEL | PLTW Engineering labs centrally located |
| | REL | Robotics Lab created and connected to construction lab |
| | RSS | Biomedical/ Anatomy & Physiology labs renovated from |
| | | drafting and construction space |
| | SCTHS | Academic Hallway built/Principles of Tech Lab |
| | District | C N A & Pharmacy Tech Lab |
| 2019 GENERAL | REL | Robotics Lab Improvements |
| FUND | RSS | C N A Lab moved from SCTHS to RSS |
| 2019 BOND | RSS | Annex building renovated to house CAFÉ and HSA: Pharm |
| | | Tech, CNA, CMA, EMT & Teaching Lab. |
| | SCTHS | Academic Expansion in West Building, Vet Assistant Lab, |
| | | Welding Lab relocation; Transportation Complex |
| | | New Administration, Digital Communications, and Information |
| | | Technology facilities (Phase 4) |
| 2020 GENERAL | REL | Renovation of Instrumentation Lab |
| FUND | | |

- e. To maintain the small size and supportive atmosphere, GCCISD limits enrollment in career academies. Annually, the District Design Team (district and campus administrators) collaborate to determine the best way to manage growth in order to maintain the personalization through limited size:
 - 100 Student Per Grade Level

| 0 | 2024: 60 Zoned | 20 Transferred from each campus |
|---|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 0 | 2023: 60 Zoned | 20 Transferred from each campus |
| 0 | 2022: 60 Zoned | 20 Transferred from each campus |
| 0 | 2021: 60 Zoned | 20 Transferred from each campus |
| 0 | 2020: 60 Zoned | 20 Transferred from each campus |
| 0 | 2019: 60 Zoned | 20 Transferred from each campus |
| 0 | 2018: 70 Zoned | 15 Transferred from each campus |
| 0 | 2017: 70 Zoned | 15 Transferred from each campus |
| 0 | 2016: 70 Zoned | 15 Transferred from each campus |
| 0 | 2015: 70 Zoned | 7-8 Transferred from each campus |

Stuart Career Tech High School is a wall-to-wall campus with enrollment numbers based on institute of higher education partner requirements.

The counseling team on each main campus works with the pocket academy to support the small learning environment.

f. Academy design planning

There is ample opportunity for the academy staff, advisory board, and others to plan the academy together.

Academy Professional Learning Communities meet based on each campus schedule. Typically, once per week is designated for grade level career academy PLC, with one week per grading period designated for the full academy team to collaborate.

Each semester, professional development time for academy instruction is planned that includes collaboration time for unit and lesson development.

III. HOST COMMUNITY AND HIGH SCHOOL

The Career Academies of Goose Creek CISD exist in a variety of district and high school contexts:

- Pocket career academies on traditional high school campuses
- Wall-to-Wall academies following the Texas PTECH blueprint

Criteria

- a. The GCCISD Board of Education and Superintendent and the executive council support the Career Academies of Goose Creek CISD. They are an integral part of the high school improvement strategy for the district and school choice options. They all
 - publicly endorse the academy,
 - serve as academy liaisons to the broader community
 - encourage and support coordination of academies across the district.

Members of the Executive Council are invited to join the advisory board of a career academy to provide input from each administrative level.

| | CAREER ACADEMY SUPPORT TEAM 2024-2025 | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| ACADEMY NAME | LOCATION | CTE Specialist | EXECUTIVE COUNCIL "SUPPORTER" | | |
| Advanced Automotive | SCTHS | Leia Miller | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin | | |
| Academy | | | Foxworth | | |
| Agriculture Science Academy | SCTHS | Jennifer Guillory | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin | | |
| | | | Foxworth | | |
| Career Academy for Future | RSS | Jade Cox | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin | | |
| Educators | | | Foxworth | | |
| Culinary Arts Academy | SCTHS | Leia Miller | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin | | |
| | | | Foxworth | | |
| Digital Communications | SCTHS | Jennifer Guillory | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin | | |
| Academy | | | Foxworth | | |
| Global Business Academy | GCM | Sara Malloy | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin | | |
| | | | Foxworth | | |
| Health Science Academy | RSS | Jade Cox | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin | | |
| | | | Foxworth | | |
| Information Technology | SCTHS | Leia Miller | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin | | |
| Academy | | | Foxworth | | |

| Manufacturing & Industrial | SCTHS | Jennifer Guillory | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|--|
| Maintenance Academy | | | Foxworth |
| STEM-Engineering Academy | REL | Sara Malloy | Dr. Randal O'Brien, Susan Jackson, Kevin |
| | | | Foxworth |

- b. The high school principal is the ultimate leader of the academy. It is their role to ensure that the vision of the academy aligns with the vision of their campus and that all stakeholders embrace that vision. The career academy should be part of the annual campus plan and ensure that staffing and master scheduling is done with the national standards of practice in mind.
- c. Adequate funding, facilities, equipment, and materials are supported primarily through the Career & Technical Education department and the district. High school administrative support results in appropriate academy scheduling, adequate academy funding, facilities, equipment, and learning materials. Support also advances opportunities for student internships, dual credit, career and technical training including industry-based certifications. These reflect a serious commitment from the community, district, and high schools to the success of the academy.
 - 2019: additional CTE funding for instructional supplies
 - 2020 and beyond: \$10/student additional CTE funding
 - \$1,000 Additional Travel
 - CTE labs renovations:
 - 2020: Conversion of construction lab to Instrumentation Lab (STEM Academy)
 - 2020: Addition of PAE course with all Pitsco Materials and storage cabinets (STEM Academy)
 - o 2020: Wall wraps @ Global Business Academy
 - o 2022: Addition of welding booths @Manufacturing & Industrial Maintenance Academy
 - PLTW and Kaduceus "packages" purchased to begin each level course
 - Annual needs assessment occurs, and equipment and supplies are purchased

IV. Faculty and Staff

Appropriate staff selection, leadership, credentialing, and cooperation are critical to an academy's success.

Criteria

a. Teacher Leader(s)/Coordinators

One teacher (sometimes two) and a dedicated school administrator take the lead, serving as the Academy Coordinators. They attend advisory board meetings, interact with school administrators and board members, manage the budget, help to coordinate teacher professional development, and coordinate employer, higher education, and parental involvement.

Pocket Academy: CTE Specialist and Academy Administrator

Stuart Career Tech HS PTECH: Principal and Assistant Principal

b. Academy staff

Academy staff are credentialed in their field, work in the academy, and are committed to its mission and goals. Since a career academy's success rests on good teaching and teamwork among a cross disciplinary group of staff, they must be well qualified and willingly involved in this role. They understand and support the philosophy and purpose of the academy, work together as a team, and teach a majority of their classes in the academy. The academy staff design instruction and curriculum around a career theme and cooperatively share the duties of operating the academy.

All teachers must be certified in the areas approved by TEA to teach each course unless hired under the District of Innovation plan or TAC 21.055 (local certification option). https://www.gccisd.net/upload/template/0025/docs/DOIPlan_update.pdf

c. Support from the counselors, non-academy teachers, and classified staff

Counselors are members of the academy team, are well versed in the theme of their dedicated academy and are experts in supporting post-secondary and career opportunities within the academy theme. They understand the need for cohort scheduling and ensure academy students are scheduled appropriately. Non-academy staff are also important to its operation. They understand the value of the academy and help in recruiting students for the academy and providing departmental support. Classified staff help support the academy facilities, equipment, and learning materials. A grade level counselor is assigned to each student to maintain continuity; Lead Counselor and/or College & Career Readiness counselor supports academy.

V. Professional Development and Continuous Learning

Since an academy places teachers and other adults into roles not normally included in their previous training, providing adequate professional development time, leadership, and support is critical.

Criteria

a. Common planning time

The site administrator ensures that academy staff are provided common planning time within the high school schedule for purposes of program coordination, curricular integration, business involvement, and resolution of student challenges.

- Professional Learning Communities model
- Common planning time is based upon EOC subject areas
- Academy planning time set during teacher workday before or after school

b. Professional development

Experts from outside the high school provide academy staff (administrators, teachers, counselors, media specialists, etc.) with training in the academy structure, project-based learning, performance assessment, curricular integration, student support, and employer involvement.

| October 2013: | NCAC National Conference | CTE Director, CTE Specialists |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| April 2014: | Nashville Academies Visit | CTE Director, CTE Specialists |

| September 2014 | Academies 101 Training (NCAC) | 1 st Year Academy Teachers, CTE Specialists, CTE Staff |
|-------------------|---|--|
| October | Nashville Academies Visit | Superintendent, Assistant |
| | Nastiville Academies visit | |
| 2015: | | Superintendent for C&I, Area Executive |
| | | Director, CTE Director, CTE Coordinator, |
| | | Board Member, New CTE Specialist |
| May 2015 | Project-Based Learning (CORD) | 1 st & 2 nd Year Academy Teachers, CTE |
| - / | | Specialists, CTE Staff |
| January | CAMPUS BASED PLC FOR ACADEMY | All Career Academy Teachers |
| 2016 | TEACHERS-Interdisciplinary Planning | |
| | · - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| September | Academy 201 Training by NCAC | Teachers & CTE Staff |
| 7-8, 2016 | | |
| November | NCAC National Conference | Acadamy Specialists & CTE Director |
| | NCAC National Conference | Academy Specialists & CTE Director |
| 7-9, 2016 | | |
| January 25, | PBL Training (TOT-Alesha Tate) & | Academy Teachers and CTE Staff |
| 2017 | Worktime | |
| May 14-17, | PBL Workshop (Manor New Tech HS) | Select Academy Teams |
| 2017 | | , |
| | Back to School Academy: DBL Model | All Acadomy Toachors |
| August 16- | Back-to-School Academy: PBL Model | All Academy Teachers |
| 18, 2017 | | |
| August | CTE Job Shadowing | CTE Teachers |
| August 6-7, | Standards-Based Interdisciplinary | Team from each academy |
| 2019 | Planning (NCAC) | |
| August 21, | Academy 101 (Connie Maijka) | SCTHS Academy Teachers |
| 2018 | | |
| | And any 101/Countin Mailton | Lighth Colored CTENA & Clabel Dusinger |
| September | Academy 101(Connie Maijka) | Health Science, STEM & Global Business |
| 11, 2018 | | Teachers |
| September | Career Academy Interdisciplinary Team | Health Science, STEM & Global Business |
| 12, 2018 | Workshop | Teachers |
| November | NCAC National Conference (Houston) | Select Academy Teachers |
| 5-7, 2018 | | |
| May 22, | NCAC Master Scheduling (Dr. Kelley | CTE Specialists, Deans, Principals, |
| 2019 | Henderson) | Counselors, & Schedulers (Data Entry |
| 2019 | nenderson) | |
| | | Clerks) |
| July 15-19, | Career & Technical Administrators of | CTE Director, CTE Coordinator, 4 CTE |
| 2019 | Texas Summer Conference | teachers, SCTHS Principal |
| August 7, | Professional Learning Communities for | All CTE teachers |
| 2019 | All: Solutions for Singletons (Solution | |
| | Tree) | |
| August 9 | , | All CTE Teachers |
| August 8, | Moody Gardens Job Shadowing | |
| 2019 | | |
| Sept. 9-11& | Project-based Learning through | CTE Staff |
| Nov. 18-20, | Research Triangle International (RTI) | 9 th Grade Teacher Cohort 20 teachers: |
| 2019, Feb. | | 4 per pocket academy |
| 4-6, April | | 2 per wall-to-wall academy |
| 22-23 & | | @SCTHS |
| 22-23 Q | | escrits |

| May 21, | | |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 2020 | | |
| Nov. 11-13, | NCAC National Conference | Deputy Superintendent C&I, CTE Staff, |
| 2019 | | Academy Specialists, 4 admin/teachers |
| | | per model academy being recognized: 2 |
| | | per academy other |
| March 5-6, | Dubiski Insight Onsite | 3 per academy: 1 admin, 1 academic |
| 2020 | | teacher & 1 CTE teacher |
| July 15-16, | Project-based Learning through | CTE Staff |
| 2020 | Research Triangle International (RTI) | 10 th Grade Teacher Cohort 20 teachers: |
| 2020 | | |
| | | (Virtual) |
| November | NCAC National Conference-Virtual | Deputy Superintendent, CTE Staff, |
| 16-18, 2020 | | Academy Specialists, Academy |
| 10-10, 2020 | | admin/teachers |
| November | NCAC Community of Practice- | CTE Staff |
| 19 <i>,</i> 2020 <i>,</i> | Instructional Coaching (Nathan Lang- | |
| December | | |
| | Raad) | |
| 17, 2020, | | |
| February | | |
| 18, 2021, | | |
| March 18, | | |
| 2021 <i>,</i> April | | |
| 15, 2021, | | |
| May 28, | | |
| 2021 | | |
| January 20- | Project-based Learning through | CTE Staff |
| 21, 2021 | Research Triangle International (RTI) | 10 th Grade Teacher Cohort 20 teachers: |
| , - | | |
| | | (Virtual) |
| June 15- | Ambassador Training-NCAC-Beverly Flatt | Students, CTE Academy Specialist, |
| 16, 2021 | | Coordinator& Academy Ambassador |
| -, - | | Sponsor |
| September | Academies 101 | CTE Staff, Academy administrators and |
| 8, 2021 | | teachers |
| September | NCAC Academy Counselor Community of | RSS and SCTHS Academy Counselors |
| 15, 2021- | Practice-Nicole Cobb | |
| March 2, | | |
| 2022 | | |
| September | Project-based Learning through | CTE Staff |
| 22-23, | Research Triangle International (RTI)- | 11 th Grade Teacher Cohort 20 teachers: |
| 2021, | Cohort 3 | 5 per campus |
| November | | SeptVirtual |
| 8-9, 2021, | | NovOnsite |
| March 2-3, | | MarOnsite |
| 2022, April | | AprOnsite |
| 19-20, 2022 | | |
| 15 20, 2022 | | |
| | | |

| November 15-17, 2021 | NCAC National Conference (Orlando) | Select Academy Teachers, administrators, counselors, CTE Staff and district administrator |
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| April 6, 2022 | Academies 101 Refresh with Lee HS (STEM AC) | CTE Staff, Campus and Academy administrators |
| June 1-2, 2022 | Ambassador Training-NCAC-Beverly Flatt | Students, CTE Academy Specialist, Coordinator, Director & Academy Ambassador Sponsor |
| September 2022 | Academies 101 (Campus based) | CTE Staff, Academy administrators and teachers |
| September 8 & 26, 2022 | NCAC-Project Based Unit Planning | RSS Health Science & Career Academy of Future Educators CTE Specialist and teachers |
| September 27-28, 2022, October 27- 28, 2022, January 24- 25, 2023, April 11-12, 2023 | Project-based Learning through Research Triangle International (RTI)- Cohort 4 | CTE Staff 12 th Grade Teacher Cohort 20 teachers: 4 per campus SeptOnsite OctOnsite JanOnsite AprOnsite |
| November 14-16, 2022 | NCAC National Conference (Atlanta) | Select Academy Teachers, administrators, counselors, CTE Staff and district administrator |
| June 1, 2023 | Ambassador Training-NCAC-Jessie Lumpkins | Students, CTE Academy Specialist, Coordinator, Director & Academy Ambassador Sponsor |
| June 6-7, 2023 | PLC's and High-Performance Teams- NCAC-Fawn Gernstein | RSS Health Science & Career Academy of Future Educators CTE Specialist and teachers |
| September 26-27, 2023, October 31- November 1, 2023, January 23- 24, 2024, March 20- 21, 2024 | Project-based Learning through Research Triangle International (RTI)- Cohort 5 | CTE Staff Academy Teacher Cohort 20 teachers: 5per campus SeptOnsite OctOnsite JanOnsite MarOnsite |
| November 13-15, 2023 | NCAC National Conference (Tucson) | Select Academy Teachers, administrators, counselors, CTE Staff, and district administrator |

c. Volunteer and parent orientation

Business, community, and post-secondary volunteers are adequately prepared for their roles as speakers, field experiences hosts, mentors, internship supervisors, etc. Parents are adequately prepared

for their involvement, (if any), as classroom aides, field experience chaperones, social event organizers, and exhibition judges.

- Parent Meeting following disbursement of acceptance letters
- Volunteer training informal based upon activity
- Health Science formal agreements to cover HIPPA training
- Individual business partner meetings for work-based learning experiences

VI. Governance and Leadership

The academy has a governing structure that incorporates the explicit roles of all stakeholders and the leaders of the advisory board.

Criteria

a. Network of support

The academy is connected to an advisory board at the school level or the district level and has members from the district and high school administration, academy staff, employers, and post-secondary education. It may also include community representatives, academy parents, and students. The board incorporates viewpoints from all members. All educators participating on the board may or may not be voting members of the board.

b. District Design Team:

Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services Director of Career & Technical Education Comprehensive High School Principals PTECH High School Principals CTE Staff

c. Regular meetings

Meetings of the advisory board are held at least quarterly, with defined agendas, outcomes, and meeting minutes. The advisory board helps to set policies for the academy. It also serves as a center of resource development.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | MANUFACTURING | | New CTE Teacher | LEADERSHIP |
| L. | MANUFACTURING | | Meetings | TEAM MEETING |
| 2 | 2 CAFÉ | | TRANSPORTATION | INFORMATION |
| Z | Z CAFE | | TRANSPORTATION | TECHNOLOGY |
| 3 | DIGITAL | GLOBAL | AGRICULTURAL | |
| С | COMMUNICATIONS | BUSINESS | SCIENCE | |
| 4 | Ag Council | HEALTH SCIENCE | STEM | CULINARY |

• Quarterly meetings with subcommittees as necessary

d. A healthy partnership

Through both the advisory board and other interactions, there is evidence of a partnership between the academy/high school and its host community that recognizes both employers and the school district's short- and long-term needs. Evidence exists that the advisory board is engaged and exhibits as much ownership of the academy as the staff does. There needs to be a set of by-laws or a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that clearly defines all roles.

- By-Laws to be set by Advisory Board
- MOUs required for all Health Science Placements
- e. A student voice

Students have avenues through which they can provide input to the academy policies and practices, thus providing opportunities for student leadership such as through Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs).

- CTSOs, including HOSA, FIRST Robotics, Skills USA, FBLA, TSA, FFA, TAFE, FCCLA
- National Technical Honor Society

VII. Teaching and Learning

The teaching and learning within an academy meet or exceed external standards and college entrance requirements while differing from a comprehensive high school by focusing learning on a theme.

Criteria

a. External standards

The academic curriculum is framed around national standards or adopted state standards. The career and post-secondary curriculum is framed around national, state, post-secondary, the Common Career Technical Core and/or career readiness standards.

- Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
- College Board Advanced Placement
- Project Lead the Way (STEM & Biomedical)
- MBA High School of Business (Global Business)
- Lee College Dual Technical Credit (Culinary, Automotive Tech, Manufacturing & Industrial Maintenance)
- Lee College Academic Dual Credit (ALL)
- Lamar Institute of Technology CTE Dual Credit (Auto Collision, Diesel Technician, Emergency Medical Technician)
- Houston Community College (Digital Communications)
- b. Rigorous learning

Coursework reaches high levels of English and mathematics, generally four years of each, in addition to substantial coursework in science and social studies. All graduates are qualified to attend a full range of post-secondary education options without the need for remediation because they have mastered curriculum that meets college entrance requirements.

| Foundation H | High Add'l Endorsement | Add'l GCCISD | Total |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------|---------|
| School Progr | am Requirements | requirements | Credits |

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|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| English | 4 credits | | | 4 credits |
| Math | 3 credits | +1 credit | | 4 credits |
| Science | 3 credits | +1 credit | | 4 credits |
| Social Studies | 3 credits | | | 3 credits |
| Languages other | 2 credits | | | 2 credits |
| than English | | | | |
| Physical | 1 credit | | ½ credit Health | 1 credit |
| Education | | | | |
| Fine Arts | 1 credit | | | 1 credit |
| Electives | 5 credits | +2 credits (including 4 in | | 7 credits |
| | | a coherent sequence) | | |

c. Sequenced, integrated, and relevant curriculum

Curriculum articulates from the beginning of an academy through the senior year with a defined course sequence and at least two core academic classes and one career/theme class each year. Curriculum is integrated among the academic classes and between these and the career class. Learning illustrates applications of academic subjects outside the classroom, incorporates current technology and 21st Century Skills, and includes authentic project-based learning.

- See 4 Year Plans in NSOP 2a.
- See Framework for CTE Learning Strategies

d. Post-secondary planning

Students have access to career and post-secondary information, are provided guidance and advisement in these areas, and begin a written post-graduate plan during their sophomore year, which will be reviewed and refined each semester. The plans begin with goals that each student sets, which become an ongoing personalized learning plan. Progress on this plan is reviewed by the student as well as parents/guardians, counselors, and advisors.

- Grade level counselor ensures students complete the correct courses based upon their goals.
- College & Career Readiness counselor tracks college readiness (SAT, ACT, TSIA, AP)
- CTE curriculum includes 4-Year Plan strategies, Career Planning, and College Planning; See Framework for CTE Learning Strategies
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- e. Dual credit options

Options for post-secondary credit exist in a variety of ways and may include articulation agreements, dual credit and/or college credit for upper classmen, concurrent credit, transcripted credit, AP, AICE and IB credit. The academy articulates its upper-level curriculum with relevant post-secondary programs.

*Refer to Goose Creek CISD Educational Planning Guide for current offerings: <u>https://www.gccisd.net/upload/page/0668/docs/2023-</u> <u>2024%20Educational%20Planning%20Guide.pdf</u>

*Students should meet with an advisor at Lee College or consult the Lee College Catalog to determine which courses should be taken.

f. Development of a portfolio.

The student portfolio is created and sustained throughout the academy experience.

- 1. Portfolios: Bulb Digital Portfolios in addition to organizational requirements (i.e., TAFE, HOSA, etc.)
- g. Participation in a capstone project.The senior year capstone project is reflective of the academy in which the student is participating.

1. Capstone Projects shall include a presentation of research/findings to a review panel of professionals.

VIII. Employer, Post-Secondary Education, and Community Involvement

A career academy links high school to its host community and involves members of the employer, postsecondary education, and civic community in certain aspects of its operation.

Criteria

a. Local industry/economic needs

The academy career field is selected to align with the economic and workforce development needs of the community and the state. This will ensure that there is adequate preparation of the future workforce and that there are sufficient opportunities for persons currently in this field to be engaged with the academy.

- All academies shall address occupations that are:
 - On the Gulf Coast Targeted Occupations List
 - Have a demonstrated student interest
- b. Community involvement

Representatives of employers, post-secondary education, and the community help to guide the academy's curriculum, and provide experiential components such as guest speakers, real-world projects, field experience sites, shadowing opportunities, mentors, student internships, community service opportunities, college, and other post-secondary education tours, as well as teacher externships.

c. Citizenship

The academy fosters a culture of respect for others regardless of background and encourages student contributions as global citizens.

d. Work-based learning

The academy offers work-based learning opportunities for all interested students either through internships, community service, or other community-based work programs that the advisory board and the school district planning team determine are the best approach for that academy and community.

IX. Student Assessment

Improvements in student performance are central to an academy's mission. It is important to gather data that reflect whether students are showing improvement and to report these accurately and fairly to maintain the academy's integrity.

Criteria

a. Student data

Student data includes those necessary to describe the student body within the academy (e.g., grade level, gender, and race/ethnicity) and its relationship to the high school in general, as well as student performance on a variety of outcome measures.

Academy & Campus Student Data Collected & Reviewed

b. Multiple academic measures

Measures include a variety of accepted indicators of performance (e.g., attendance, retention, credits, grade point averages, state test scores, graduation rates, college going rates) as well as rubric-based assessments on performance tasks. Multiple measures need to be aligned to approved state standards and longitudinal data are collected.

- EOC Data; SAT/ACT Data; PLTW Data; TSIA
- Precision Exam Data
- c. Technical learning

Measures include knowledge of the field's terminology, technical concepts, and ability to apply academic skills to authentic real-world projects. Where appropriate, industry recognized credentials, certifications or licenses are incorporated.

| 2022-2024 State Approved A-F Industry Based Certifications offered in GCCISD | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| IBC Title | Program of Study Title | | | |
| Intuit QuickBooks Certified User | Accounting and Financial Services | | | |
| Microsoft Office Specialist Excel | Accounting and Financial Services | | | |
| Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Access Expert (Access 2019) | Accounting and Financial Services | | | |
| Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Excel Expert (Excel 2019) | Accounting and Financial Services | | | |
| Microsoft Office Specialist Excel | Agribusiness | | | |
| Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Excel Expert (Excel 2019) | Agribusiness | | | |
| Certified Veterinary Assistant, Level 1 | Animal Science | | | |
| Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science Certification | Animal Science | | | |
| Elanco Veterinary Medical Applications Certification | Animal Science | | | |
| Equine Management & Evaluation Certification | Animal Science | | | |

| AWS D1.1 Structural Steel | Applied Agricultural Engineering |
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| AWS D9.1 Sheet Metal Welding | Applied Agricultural Engineering |
| NCCER Core | Applied Agricultural Engineering |
| OSHA 30 Hour General | Applied Agricultural Engineering |
| ASE Entry Level Automobile Maintenance and Light | Automotive |
| Repair (MR) | |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Brakes (BR) | Automotive |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Electronic/Electrical Systems (EE) | Automotive |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Engine Performance (EP) | Automotive |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Engine Repair (ER) | Automotive |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Heating and Air | Automotive |
| Conditioning (AC) | |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Manual Drive Train and Axles (MD) | Automotive |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Service Technology | Automotive |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Suspension and Steering (SS) | Automotive |
| ASE Entry-Level Collision Non-Structural Analysis and | Automotive |
| Damage Repair (SR) ASE Entry-Level Collision Painting and Refinishing (PR) | Automotive |
| ASE Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling | Automotive |
| Microsoft Office Specialist 2016 Master | Business Management |
| Microsoft Office Specialist Excel | Business Management |
| Microsoft Office Specialist Excel | Business Management |
| Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Access Expert | Business Management |
| (Access 2019) | business Management |
| Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Excel Expert | Business Management |
| (Excel 2019) | |
| Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Word Expert (Word 2019) | Business Management |
| NCCER Core | Carpentry |
| OSHA 30 Hour Construction | Carpentry |
| OSHA 30 Hour General | Carpentry |
| Cosmetology Operator License | Cosmetology and Personal Care Services |
| ServSafe Manager | Culinary Arts |
| ASE Entry Level Automobile Maintenance and Light | Diesel and Heavy Equipment |
| Repair (MR) | |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Engine Performance (EP) | Diesel and Heavy Equipment |
| ASE Entry-Level Automobile Engine Repair (ER) | Diesel and Heavy Equipment |
| ASE Entry-Level Collision Non-Structural Analysis and Damage Repair (SR) | Diesel and Heavy Equipment |
| ASE Entry-Level Collision Painting and Refinishing (PR) | Diesel and Heavy Equipment |
| ASE Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling | Diesel and Heavy Equipment |
| OSHA 30 Hour General | Diesel and Heavy Equipment |
| Adobe Certified Professional in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop | Digital Communications |

| Adobe Certified Professional in Graphic Design and | Graphic Design and Multimedia Arts |
|---|---|
| Illustration Using Adobe Illustrator | |
| Adobe Certified Professional in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop | Graphic Design and Multimedia Arts |
| Certified Clinical Medical Assistant | Healthcare Diagnostics |
| Certified EKG Technician | Healthcare Diagnostics |
| Emergency Medical Technician - Basic | Healthcare Diagnostics |
| Phlebotomy Technician | Healthcare Diagnostics |
| Certified Clinical Medical Assistant | Healthcare Therapeutic |
| Certified EKG Technician | Healthcare Therapeutic |
| Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) | Healthcare Therapeutic |
| Emergency Medical Technician - Basic | Healthcare Therapeutic |
| Pharmacy Technician | Healthcare Therapeutic |
| Phlebotomy Technician | Healthcare Therapeutic |
| CompTIA A+ Certification | Information Technology Support and Services |
| OSHA 30 Hour General | Maritime |
| BASF Plant Science Certification | Plant Science |
| Principles of Floral Design Certification | Plant Science |
| Texas State Florist's Association Knowledge Based Floral Certification | Plant Science |
| NCCER Pipefitting Level I | Plumbing and Pipefitting |
| OSHA 30 Hour Construction | Plumbing and Pipefitting |
| OSHA 30 Hour General | Plumbing and Pipefitting |
| Educational Aide I | Teaching and Training |
| AWS D1.1 Structural Steel | Welding |
| AWS D9.1 Sheet Metal Welding | Welding |
| AWS SENSE Level 1: Entry Welder | Welding |
| NCCER Core | Welding |
| NCCER Welding Level I | Welding |

d. Data analysis

Analysis of the data elements takes place at various settings to support student achievement.

e. Evidence of impact

These measures show whether, and how much, the academy improves student performance. Teacher teams use student assessment to evaluate the quality of the education provided in the career academy and to make improvements to curriculum, instruction, and program structures. A longitudinal study shows whether there are improved student outcomes in terms of reduced dropouts, increased academic success, career readiness preparation and greater entry into post-secondary education.

X. Sustainability

No new academy functions perfectly. Even well established and highly functioning academies benefit from selfexamination and refinement. Ensuring and improving the quality of a career academy requires engaging in a regular cycle of improvement.

a. Academy implementation

Program leaders regularly assess the academy's functionality, studying its strengths and weaknesses. This involves gathering feedback from key stakeholders, including students.

b. Academy refinements

Regular assessments generate plans to address any academy problems. Such plans include benchmarks for improvement that reflect on an academy's mission and goals.

- Campus Improvement Plans
- Goals reviewed annually by Advisory Board

Career and Technical Education

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