

# WTHS Career Academies

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can all eighth-grade students apply to any of the three Career Academies?**

Yes.

### **What are the entrance criteria (grades, attendance, conduct, etc.)?**

Refer to an Academy Course Sequence sheet for more details specific to each academy.

### **How many students will be accepted to each academy?**

A maximum of 25 students per year per academy will represent one Career Academy Cohort. Each Cohort will be developed based upon facilities utilization and scheduling.

### **Will there be a waiting list?**

If necessary, yes. Accepted students will need to confirm their attendance in the Academy by April 15, and if any who were accepted decline the slot, we will go to those on a waiting list.

### **Are there pre-requisites for admission?**

Students will be selected on the following criteria:

- Student Application packet (see below)
- Attendance and Discipline Records
- Recommendation letter

### **What do I need to do to apply?**

Application packet instructions:

- Application form (submitted to <http://g.tinyurl.com/y8bnlvjg>)
- 1 counselor/teacher recommendation (submitted to [academycommittee@wtps.org](mailto:academycommittee@wtps.org))

### **May I apply to more than one academy?**

You may apply to one main and one alternate.

### **What is the commitment to an Academy?**

Four years, maintaining at least a B average, annual capstone project, good conduct, and meeting expectations of structured learning experiences.

### **How will the Academies work with extra-curricular activities/sports?**

We value a well-rounded student, so you are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. You may need to prioritize your academy at times, but teachers will be flexible with other high school experiences.

### **Will being in an Academy help me get into colleges?**

We believe it will, based on the unique experiences you will have and the level of work you will engage in. WTHS has Articulation Agreements with Rowan College at Gloucester County, Camden County College and Stockton University for high school

students to earn college credit. We look to build our post-secondary relationships in coming years.

**What can I expect the workload to be like as an Academy student?**

The most important characteristics to become a Career Academy student are passion and discipline. All courses after freshman year are at college-prep level or above, and you will need to commit to additional work like research papers, capstone projects, and internships, all of which will prepare you well for college and career experiences. You will need to care about the work and become well organized.

**Can students with IEP's, 504's and other accommodations apply to the academies?**

Absolutely, our Career Academies are inclusive to all students. Accommodations and modifications will be supported as identified in the IEP or 504.

**What happens if I drop out or find out early in my first year that it is not for me?**

We hope based on your commitment and our supports that won't happen, but in those cases, you would complete the course you are enrolled in then return to a traditional/general education program and follow traditional high school graduation requirements.

**What happens if I am not selected into a Career Academy?**

If an open seat is available and pre-requisites are met, a student may select any CTE course as an elective. Students selecting courses as electives will be just as accountable to meet course expectations, but they will not be part of the Academy's cohort of students. Freshman students selecting the first-year course as an elective may be granted admission into the academy at the close of the school year provided they satisfy first-year course requirements and earn a grade of 93 or higher.