

The Academies at Huntingtown High School



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Academies Offered at Huntingtown High School

H Humanities

- Arts, Communications, Social Sciences and World Cultures

H Business Management

- Business Management, Accounting, and Business Administration

H Career Plus

- Naval Science, TAM, Criminal Justice, CTA Program's

H STEM

- Computer Science, Math, PLTW Biomed & Engineering, Sciences, Exercise Science

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Philosophy:

Huntingtown High School has developed an academy model organized around students' motivated strengths that engages learners in a program of study that challenges them to participate in rigorous instructional programs through meaningful learning experiences. The HHS academies model is a value-added program designed to guide students towards courses they will find engaging and participate in college & career enrichment opportunities. The overarching goal of the HHS Academies model is to provide students with learning opportunities that are meaningful and exciting towards college & career readiness.

Goals of the Huntingtown High School Academies:

- Identify areas of interest and then explore these areas of interest more broadly, so that they can determine if they have really found what they want to study in college or do for a living.
- Find school more engaging and rewarding by taking part in the opportunities offered by their academy (i.e. guest speakers, field trips, internships, mentor-mentee relationships, Academy clubs and organizations, and a selection of courses they may not have otherwise considered).
- Engage in increased rigor by providing significant learner engagement in a field of interest. Students will elect to participate in courses of their choosing for a full four years and choose to work harder because they are highly engaged in what they are learning.

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the purpose of the academies?
 - The mission is to be a value-added program to enhance the high school experience by providing unique electives and events that allow students to explore their career interests. Students will explore various class choices to make a connection between the different content areas.
- Why enroll in an academy?
 - Academy scholars will have opportunities for guest speakers, field trips, internships, and other experiences tailored to their interests. Students continue to receive rigorous academic instruction and are taught how their core classes and electives can be relevant in the real world.
- How is this different from the existing pathways?
 - The existing pathways will still be in place with PLTW Biomedical, PLTW Engineering, Business, and NJROTC courses available starting their 9th grade year. All other pathways begin in 10th or 11th grade. Choosing an academy allows students to complete the existing pathways PLUS benefit from the enrichment opportunities and class explorations that the academies have to offer.
- Do I have to enroll in an academy?
 - No, students are not required to choose an academy. The academies are just one of the many ways a student can maximize and enrich their learning experiences during their four years at Huntingtown High School.
- What do I receive for completing an academy?
 - A student may receive a letter of recommendation from the academy lead teacher and a cord at graduation.
- Can I change academies or withdraw?
 - Yes. During registration for the upcoming school year students have the opportunity to submit an academy change form. They will work with the academy lead teacher and their counselor to ensure appropriate placement and choice of electives. Students can also withdraw from the academy program if their interests have changed.
- How are the academies structured?
 - Each academy has an academy lead teacher. The role of the lead teacher is to coordinate experiences and mentor students in the academy. The overall academy program is administered by an academy coordinator.
- What is required to complete an academy?
 - See the catalogue for details on which courses are required for each academy.
- Where can I get more information?
 - For specific questions or comments, contact the academy lead teachers or see your school counselor.