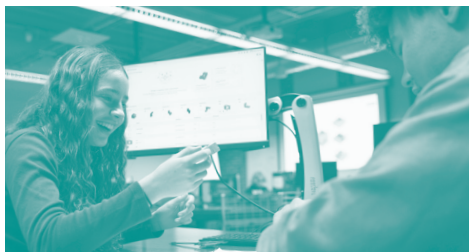


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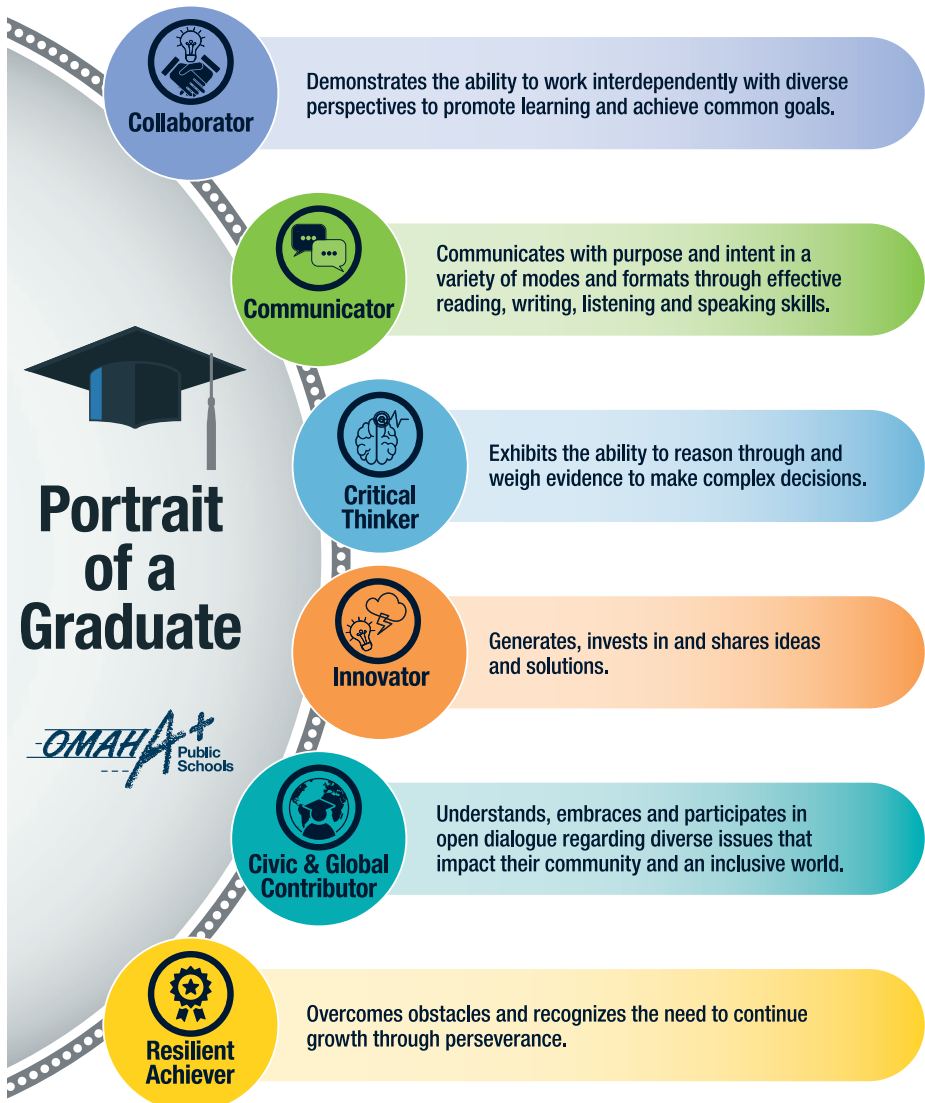
Common Student Experiences in OPS College & Career Academies and Pathways

- All students will experience a Freshman Academy and will engage in conversations with teachers and school counselors in selecting a program of study or pathway of interest without qualification criteria.
- World Languages, as well as Performing and Fine Arts opportunities will be accessible to all students, no matter what high school they choose.
- All students will have opportunities in Advanced Academics that could include: Cambridge, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Early College, and Seal of Biliteracy.
- All students will experience a rigorous college and career continuum (courses and experiences become more focused as a student progresses through their education).
- All students will experience STEM education.
- All students receive a liberal arts education through required coursework.
- All students will experience deeper learning by maximizing their time and content exploration/mastery with consistent implementation of block scheduling across the district.

Customize Your Pathway

For a student interested in a high-wage, high-skill and in-demand career not covered by a current pathway, the student and the family may work with school counselors and administrators to organize a series of existing courses into a pathway aligned with their goals after graduation.

The Omaha Public Schools portrait of a graduate defines what every graduate should know and be able to do upon graduation. The district will focus on this graduate portrait from Pre-K to graduation to ensure each student has the skills to succeed. Throughout a student's entire career at Omaha Public Schools, they will learn to become Resilient Achievers, Collaborators, Communicators, Critical Thinkers, Innovators and Civic & Global Contributors.



What our students say...



"The Health Professions Academy has expanded my understanding of the health field by introducing me to different programs and like-minded individuals. It helped me plan a path for my future by helping me become a CNA and soon-to-be pharmacy technician."

Nay Kaw Htoo
Medical and Therapeutic Services, Benson High



"The Urban Agriculture Academy has helped me grow as person, particularly in business management and character. Last year, as part of the annual Plant Sale, I gained exposure to vast amounts of people while learning the ins and outs of business operation, which cultivated my growth as a person and aspirations to become a personal financier."

Dymetri Clute
Animal Science, Bryan High



"I plan on going into the medical field after graduation and I feel like these classes have prepared me by giving me all the medical terminology I need. It has given me inspiration on what else there is in the medical field and that I don't have to just stick to one thing in the medical field."

Taylor Curtis
Behavior Health, Buena Vista High



"The MBA Academy has provided me with many tools that will lead me to success, including leadership and time management skills, the capacity to learn and retain new things quickly, and the ability to create connections inside and outside of the classroom."

Cassie Lucas
Data Analytics, Burke High



"The Vocal Music pathway is more than a few fun choir classes. It's a way to build community, as well as communication and leadership skills. Every concert, fundraiser, and retreat is such a joy to participate in, and I love improving myself as a singer and a person through music."

Sydney Gniffke-Leak
Vocal Music, Central High

What our students say...



"The Bioscience Pathway revealed my true calling, to improve the lives of others. It impacted the way I thought working in the medical field would be. Without the classes and teachers at North High, I would not be sure this is the right career path for me."

Ny'Meesha Collins
PLTW Biomedical Science, North High



"The Fire Science Pathway has furthered my desire to become a firefighter or pursue a job in emergency services. I learned how to put out car fires, climb ladders safely, and how to carry hoses and roll them up. I also learned a lot about emergency services systems and how to allocate resources correctly."

Terrence Horton
Fire Science, Northwest High



"When I first started dancing as a freshman, I was shy and closed off. But as time went on, I began to learn more than just performing. The people and environment are what makes the performing arts pathway, more than just being on a stage. You will constantly be surrounded by people who care about you and your success."

Kenzie Durbin
Performing Arts, South High



"Joining the Civil & Community Engineering pathway was the best choice I have made for my future. This program has provided me with many opportunities that have been hands-on and a lot of fun. I have been able to put my brain to work, and with that I have learned patience, teamwork skills, and valuable lessons."

Lillian Wilson
Civil and Community Engineering, Westview High

Benson High



Programming

Freshman Academy

Business and Entrepreneurship Academy

- Business Administration
- Culinary and Event Planning
- Entrepreneurship

Design and Construction Academy

- Architectural Design
- Computer Graphic Design
- Construction Processes and Management

Health Professions Academy

- Human Performance
- Medical and Therapeutic Services
- Teaching as a Profession

Available Certifications

Adobe
Athletic Trainer
BLS (Basic Life Support)
Certified Nursing Assistant
CPR Lifesaver

Mental Health Technician
NFTE Program Completer
OSHA
Pharmacy Technician
SafeServ

Advanced Academic Opportunities

Cambridge Advanced International Certificate
of Education (AICE) Diploma
Seal of Biliteracy



Bryan High

Programming

Freshman Academy

Design and Construction Academy

- Architectural Design
- Construction Processes and Management
- Interior Design

Education Academy

- Counseling and Mental Health
- Teaching and Educational Leadership

Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics Academy

- International Business, Marketing, and Management
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Urban Agriculture Academy

- Animal Science
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Food Science
- Plant Science

Available Certifications

Microsoft
OSHA 10

Advanced Academic Opportunities

Cambridge Advanced International Certificate
of Education (AICE) Diploma
Seal of Biliteracy



Buena Vista High

Programming

Freshman Academy

Health & Education

- Behavioral Health
- Human Performance
- Teaching as a Profession

SMART Technology

- Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, and Nanotechnology
- Automation and Robotics
- Cybersecurity
- Information Technology
- Mechatronics
- Software Design and Application Development

Available Certifications

Adobe
BLS/CPR
Microsoft
Stop the Bleed

Advanced Academic Opportunities

Cambridge Advanced International Certificate
of Education (AICE) Diploma
Seal of Biliteracy



Burke High

Programming

Freshman Academy

Air and Space Academy

- Aerospace Engineering
- Aircraft Mechanics
- Airport Management
- Flight

Communications Academy

- Audio Video Production
- Digital Journalism
- Teaching as a Profession
- Web and Digital Design

Marketing, Business, and Analytics Academy

- Data Analytics
- Financial Planning and Insurance
- Management
- Marketing

Available Certifications

Adobe
Drone 107
Stop the Bleed

Advanced Academic Opportunities

Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma
Seal of Biliteracy

Career Center



Programming

Communication and Information Systems

- Digital Video Production
- Information Support and Networking

Health Sciences

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Emergency Medical Technician

Skilled and Technical Sciences

- Automotive Technology
- Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing
- Construction
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Welding

UNMC High School Alliance

The alliance partners with the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to offer health sciences education for juniors and seniors. Students take rigorous Health Science courses, observe, shadow and work alongside healthcare professionals and researchers.

Zoo Academy

The Zoo Academy provides students with STEM education experiences at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium.

Metropolitan Community College Career Academy

Metropolitan Community College (MCC) Career Academy program is designed to provide high school junior and senior students with opportunities to jumpstart their postsecondary education on an MCC campus to develop college and career ready skills. More than two dozen college courses are available in Business, Health Sciences, Information Technology, Skilled and Technical Sciences, and STEM.

Available Certifications

Certified Nursing Assistant
CPR
Emergency Medical
Technician
Ford Asset

HIPPA
I-CAR
NC3
OSHA 10
SP/2



Central High

Programming

Freshman Academy

Global Arts

- Fine and Applied Arts
- Instrumental Music
- Music Technology
- Theatrical Arts
- Vocal Music

Leadership and Global Studies

- Entertainment and Sports Marketing
- International Business and Finance
- Journalism
- Political Science
- Teaching as a Profession

STEM

- Architectural Design
- Computer Science and Mathematics
- Environmental Studies
- Global Health Science
- Robotics

Advanced Academic Opportunities

International Baccalaureate Diploma

Seal of Biliteracy



North High

Programming

Freshman Academy

Computer Science and Technology Academy

- Audio Video Production
- Computer Networking
- Cybersecurity and Coding
- PLTW Computer Science

Engineering and Design Academy

- Mechanical Design
- PLTW Engineering
- Precision Machining
- Robotics

Science and Research Academy

- Medical Research and Health Informatics
- Natural and Environmental Sciences
- PLTW Biomedical Science
- Teaching as a Profession

Available Certifications

2D Vision
CCNA
CISCO
Certified Nursing Assistant
CPR
FANUC
Handling Tool
OSHA
SAME

Advanced Academic Opportunities

Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma
Seal of Biliteracy



Northwest High

Programming

Freshman Academy

Emergency Response

- 911 Dispatch
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Fire Science

Legal Studies

- Criminal Justice
- Forensic Science
- Pre-Law

Public and Community Service

- Audio Video Production
- Cybersecurity
- Energy Systems Technology
- Natural Resources Science and Management
- Public Health
- Teaching as a Profession

Available Certifications

AED
BLS
CPR
OSHA 10
NC3
NECI National Basic 911 Dispatch
Stop the Bleed

Advanced Academic Opportunities

Early College Program



THE PATHWAYS of
South
High

South High

Programming

Freshman Academy

Dual Language

Media Arts

- Audio Video Production
- Digital Design
- Journalism
- Web Design

Performing and Fine Arts

- 2-Dimensional Art
- 3-Dimensional Art
- Dance and Movement
- Fashion and Costume Design
- Film Studies
- Music (Includes concentration focus choice of Vocal, Band, Guitar, Piano, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra)
- Music Technology
- Teaching as a Profession
- Theatre Studies

Technology and Data

- Computer Science
- Robotics

Advanced Academic Opportunities

Cambridge Advanced International Certificate
of Education (AICE) Diploma
Seal of Biliteracy



Westview High

Programming

Freshman Academy

Business

- Business Management and Insurance
- Business Technology
- Entrepreneurship and Virtual Enterprise
- Marketing

Education

- Teaching as a Profession

Health Science

- Biomechanics and Research
- Human Performance and Sports Medicine
- Therapeutic Services

Sustainability

- Civil & Community Engineering
- Clean Energy Research and Development
- Environmental Studies

Available Certifications

Adobe
Certified Nursing Assistant
CPR
Intuit
Microsoft
Quickbooks
Stop the Bleed

Advanced Academic Opportunities

Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma
Seal of Biliteracy

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)

CTSOs are an extension of classroom instruction — applying classroom learning to real-world experiences, they are not clubs. CTSOs are connected to middle school, high school, and postsecondary instructional programs and are integral to the classroom.

Benefits of CTSOs to:

Students

- Apply academic and technical learning and skills to real life situations.
- Awards, competitions, and scholarships.
- Development of the whole person, from technical skills to leadership skills.

Teachers

- Professional development opportunities for growth.
- Build relationships with students that enhance classroom and out-of-class experiences.
- Connects real-life situations into the classrooms.

Schools

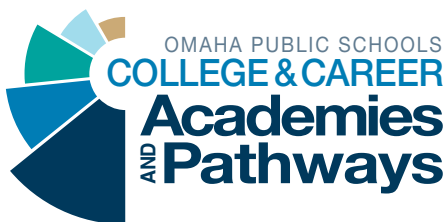
- Engaged and involves students.
- Continual sense of school pride through organization involvement.
- Leadership opportunities for students that transcend to other areas, apply CTSO knowledge to student voice, athletic teams, and more.

Community

- Career awareness in community to build a strong future economy.
- Engage local businesses in school events and activities.
- Foster a level of respect for what community members, business and industry leaders, and employers offer.

Business and Industry

- Ensures that local education and training programs meet business and industry needs.
- Facilitates learning for students to become outstanding civic and global contributors.
- Prepares students for careers.



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Omaha Public Schools + CTSOs



DECA:

DECA is organized around an ambitious goal: to improve education and career opportunities for students interested in careers in marketing, management and entrepreneurship.



Educators Rising:

Educators Rising is an organization that helps make sure teachers have the experience and skills they need to be ready for the classroom. We provide passionate young people with hands-on teaching experience, sustain their interest in the profession, and help them cultivate the skills they need to be successful educators. The result is a pipeline of accomplished teachers who are positioned to make a lasting difference.



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) provides innovative leadership and career development programs for students interested in business administration, management, finance and information technology careers.



FFA:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



HOSA - Future Health Professionals:

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) is a national student organization that prepares health science students for careers as health professionals by developing leadership, compassion, character, and well-being.



SkillsUSA:

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel.

Business Engagement Opportunities For High School College & Career Academies and Pathways

Guest Speakers - Bring real-world application to the classroom on a one-time or recurring basis.

Career Mentors - Meet regularly over the course of the year with a group of students, helping them explore and learn about career fields. Assist with college and career planning and goal setting.

Content Advisement - Provide feedback on class content.

Experiential Activities - Promote your career field and allow students to see your industry up close in half-day or full day tours.

Mock Interviews - Assist in career day opportunities and career readiness training.

Teacher Externship - Help teachers stay current and learn practical applications for what they teach. Host a team of academy pathway teachers for an experience in your business.

Job Shadowing - Allow students to complete a job shadowing day in your business.

Student Internship - Provide an internship within a related business or industry connected to classroom learning

Advisory Board or Committee - Meet approximately four to six times a year with other academy partners to provide industry guidance to the program.

Facility Space - Host groups of students, educators, or advisory committee members at your facility for a meeting or experiential event.





Work-Based Learning Continuum

Work-Based Learning (WBL) is a learning strategy that allows students to connect classroom knowledge and skills to experiences and future college and career opportunities. Conducted in partnership with business/industry, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations, Omaha Public Schools WBL provides deeper learning through a continuum of diverse, work/college, and career-relevant experiences.

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LEARNING ABOUT CAREERS		LEARNING THROUGH CAREER DEVELOPMENT		EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING		
Career awareness and exploration help students understand the vast number of careers available to them and allows for experiences to inform career decisions. • Career Counseling • Lunch & Learns • Career Fairs • Career Presentations • Career Videos • Career Speakers • Informational Interviews • Research Projects • Project-Based Learning • Career Videos		Career preparation supports career readiness through curricular activities and provides the opportunity for direct interaction with industry professionals. • Job Shadowing • Simulations • Camp Experiences • Business Tours/Field Trips • Mentoring		Career immersion through practical experiential learning occurs at the work site and prepares students for future college and career opportunities. • Student-Based Enterprises • Internships • Pre-Apprenticeships • Apprenticeships • Clinical Experiences • Entrepreneurship		
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* The red box denotes High-Quality Work-Based Learning Experiences



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