

# ACADEMIES 101



The mission of the Academy Student Advisory Board is to inform students and staff about the College and Career Readiness Academies. We aim to highlight the progress of our Academies and share with our school the amazing things that are taking place within each Academy. More importantly we want to make sure that students and teachers understand the purpose they play in our educational life!

## What are Some of the Academy Experiences?

**FIELD TRIPS**

ACADEMIC ALIGNMENT TO A CAREER THEME

Employability Training

JOB SHADOWS

**Internships**

**College Seminars & Visits**

## What are Some of the Academy Outcomes?

COLLEGE & CAREER READY

**AP CREDIT**

**Industry Certifications**

**ENDORSEMENTS**

**Dual Credit**

**LICENSURE**

## How Many Academies do we Have?

**4**

- Freshman Academy
- Arts and Communication Academy (ACA)
- Business and Human Services Academy (BHS)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.)

## When do students Join an Academy?

All 9<sup>th</sup> graders start their journey in The Freshman Academy. Come December, all freshmen declare their Academic Academy (ACA, BHS, STEM) and join their Academy sophomore year.

## Academy Model

Creating small learning communities that incorporate college preparation and real-world experiences. Each academy has a career theme, shows students links between their academic subjects and this theme through curriculum and academy milestone activities. Students take all their required courses along with a class from their selected pathway. A pathway is a sequence of courses, taking one each year, designed to help expose the student to a specific career area and meet requirements for endorsements and licensure.

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## Everything the Academies Accomplished This Year...

- Academy teams met every two weeks to discuss student data, interventions, and Academy experiences
- The Freshman Academy Expo took place!!!
- Freshman Declaration and Pinning Ceremony
- Freshmen registered for their pathway
- Junior core subject teachers selected their Academy alignment
- The Academy Student Advisory Board was established
- The very first ever Cross-Curricular Project took place in each Academy!
- The Employability Soft Skills Pilot Training Program was launched as the first Academy Milestone
- Academy Students attended College Rep Talks- ACA, BHS, STEM
- **Seminars and Speakers!**
  - BHS held a Career Panel where 7 professionals shared their experience in BHS related fields!
  - Artist Jesse Howard spoke to ACA students
  - STEM students participated in a 5-series bio-medical Talk
  - ICATT Speaker- STEM
- **Field Trips, Field Trips, Field Trips!!!!!!!**
  - Fermi Lab- STEM
  - STEM Loft Symposium at UIC- STEM
  - State of the African American Male Conference UIC- STEM
  - Open House at BorgWarner- STEM
  - MCA- ACA
  - Perkins + Will Architectural Firm- ACA
  - Gene Siskel Film Center- ACA
  - Richard J Daley Center x2- BHS