



High School School-based Career Academy Application

To be completed when an in-zone student is enrolling in a career academy after the School Choice deadline. The School Guidance Counselor or Career Academy teacher has the student complete the application. A copy of the application is kept in the Career Academy teacher's classroom files.

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student Number _____ Email _____ Grade Level _____

High School _____ Career Academy _____

Career academies are small, personalized learning communities within a school in which select students and teachers participate during a two-, three-, or four-year span. Students enter the academy with parental knowledge and support. A career academy involves teachers from different subjects working together as an interdisciplinary team. Staff teams work together to implement the key features of the model and to provide students with exposure to the career field. Students may be grouped together for several periods every day with a core group of teachers. This model promotes a family-like atmosphere and results in close student-teacher ties.

A career academy includes the following essential elements:

- A small learning community
- A college-prep curriculum with a career theme
- Partnerships with employers, the community, and higher education

By design, these three central elements of a career academy lead to a school that focuses on rigor, relevance, and relationships.

- All students requesting acceptance into an academy must have a minimum of a "C" overall GPA and be seeking a standard high school diploma.*
- Disciplinary records must reflect no more than a minimal number of minor occurrences and an acceptable attendance history.*
- Upon acceptance, students must maintain at least an annual 3.0 GPA in the Career and Technical academy course requirements or achieve at least an *overall* 2.0 GPA and maintain acceptable attendance and behavior. Failure to maintain the appropriate GPA at the end of the school year will result in one of the following: the student being withdrawn from the academy and returned to his/her residential school or the student being withdrawn from the academy and re-scheduled into non-academy classes for the following school year (for students whose residential school is the location of the academy). The school must make a good-faith effort to employ parental assistance to rectify the student's deficiencies prior to withdrawal.

* **Any** students who **does not** meet the enrollment criteria may request a waiver of the criteria. The waiver may be completed at: <http://career.escambia.k12.fl.us/home/index.asp>
A committee comprised of a school academy coordinator, a school administrator, a school choice representative, and a workforce education representative may determine conditional acceptance and notify the student of the outcome.

STUDENT AGREEMENT: I have read this document and understand that by enrolling in this class, I am a member of a career academy.

Sent by _____ Date _____

(signature)