

# Lakewood High School Career Academy Transition 2016-2017



4 Year Transition to Full Academy Status

# Benefits of the Freshman Career Academy

- Small Learning Communities.
- Small group of teachers for 3-4 years.
- A more personalized and supportive learning environment for students.
- Offer academic and vocational curricula and career themes.
- Partnerships with local employees to build connections between school and work (11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Increase student engagement.
- Decrease dropout rate.
- Increase attendance.

# What will the Freshman Academy Look Like?

- Incoming Freshman are assigned to a cohort of 70-90 students (by student interest).
- Each cohort consists of cross-curricular teams of English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies (Special Education).
- Common planning period for each “team.”
- Students remain with their “team” of teachers for the entire year.
- Weekly meetings are held to monitor all facets of school.
- Early Intervention system is in place to ensure student success.

# Benefit to Students

- Increased academic achievement.
- Increased student attendance, attitudes & behavior.
- Increased number of students matriculating to 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Lower student drop out rate.
- Increased extracurricular participation rate.
- Development of student awareness of academic & career options.
- Stronger student-teacher relationships.

# Will Transition to 4 Career Academies

- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)
- Business
- Humanities
- Digital Media

# “Core” Teaching Team

- A Core Teaching Team for the Freshman Academy has been identified and will attend the Nashville Academy tours and presentations from March 7<sup>th</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup> in Nashville, Tennessee.
- All information will be turn keyed to staff during PLCs.

# High Schools That Work Professional Development Training

- Staff members have already begun to receive Professional Development Training with High Schools that Work
- A Core Team of Teachers will attend the Kentucky International Convention Center from July 13-16<sup>th</sup> .
- Information will be turn keyed to staff during PLCs.

When the “2016-2017” Freshman are Juniors and Seniors, they will experience the following:

- Internships
- Shadowing experiences
- Mentors
- Field Trips
- Community Events
- Special Medals to wear at Graduation



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

- All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students completed the New Jersey Career Assistance Navigator in February to assist with Academy placements.
- High School Guidance Counselors hosted an informational symposium for all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students about the High School Career Academies.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to apply for the Freshman Academy of their choice.

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Academy Status

