

- Why the academy system?  
Prepare for future
- What is the academy system?  
3 levels  
Academy  
Schools  
Pathway
- How does my student join an academy?
  - When the student enters the 9<sup>th</sup> grade they will take an exploratory course in which they student will go through each school at 4 ½ week intervals. Some students that have already been in prerequisites in middle school will take these foundation classes at this time.
  - Starting in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade the student will turn in an intent letter for a school and pathway. When the student completes the foundation course, the student will formally apply for the academy. They will then be pinned in to the school.
  - After completing the required courses for 9<sup>th</sup> graders and potentially 10<sup>th</sup> grade complete a senior project, the students will be given a cord in their schools to wear as for graduation.

This sounds complicated but it will quickly become normal.

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| 1. Exploratory Course                | 9 <sup>th</sup>                     |
| 2. Intent to join school and pathway | 10 <sup>th</sup>                    |
| 3. Take foundation                   | 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| 4. Apply and join                    | End of 10 <sup>th</sup>             |
| 5. Complete classes some             | 9 <sup>th</sup>                     |
|                                      | 10 <sup>th</sup>                    |
|                                      | 11 <sup>th</sup>                    |
|                                      | 12 <sup>th</sup>                    |
| 6. Complete senior project           | 12 <sup>th</sup>                    |
| 7. Receive cord for graduation       |                                     |