



## Signature Academies & Career Technical Education



- ***What is a Signature Academy?***
  - A Signature Academy is a specialized high school program that focuses on a career path and/or area of study.
  - Signature Academies are offered at most high schools in WCSD.
  - Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade can submit a request to attend a Signature Academy at any high school in the District based on their personal interests.



# Signature Academies in WCSD

- **\*Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology**
  - Animal & Plant Sciences, Communication Arts & Media, Culinary & Hospitality, Engineering, Fire Science, High School of Business, Medical Careers, Teaching & Training
- **Damonte Ranch** – Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- **Galena** – STEM Academy (Environmental Engineering)
- **Hug** – Health & Human Services Academy (Culinary Arts, Human & Social Services, Sports Medicine)
- **Incline** – No Signature Academy programs at this time
- **McQueen** – Culinary Arts Academy
- **North Valleys** – Center for Agricultural Science & Engineering (CASE)
- **Reed** – Enterprise Project (Biomedical Studies, Engineering, Human & Social Services)
- **Reno** – Red House Project (Computer Science, Graphic Design, Multimedia Communications, Engineering, Sports Medicine)
- **Spanish Springs** – C3 Media & Sports Medicine
- **Sparks** – Manufacturing & Building Trades in Construction Technology
- **\*Wooster** – International Baccalaureate (IB)

**\*District transportation available for students**



- ***Why should students consider a Signature Academy?***
  - These programs provide students the opportunity to:
    - Explore specific career paths
    - Develop leadership and workforce readiness skills
    - Connect with local businesses and organizations
    - Earn college credit and/or job certifications
    - Apply hands-on learning in areas such as agriculture, business, engineering, human and social services, medicine, skilled trades and technology
  - Signature Academies are a great way to study something that interests you while preparing you for life after high school!



- ***Who can participate in a Signature Academy?***

- All interested 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- \*It is recommended that students demonstrate:
  - 2.0 overall GPA
  - Grade-level performance on standardized tests (i.e. SBAC, MAPS)
  - History of generally acceptable attendance and behavior

\*It is important to note that no student will be denied because of these considerations, it is only recommended because of the levels of academics required to be successful in many of the Signature Academy programs.



- ***How can I request participation in a Signature Academy?***

- Ask your counselor for help, OR visit [www.washoeschools.net/cteprograms](http://www.washoeschools.net/cteprograms)
- **Program Selection for AACT**
  - Complete the selection form at [www.washoeschools.net/aact](http://www.washoeschools.net/aact) between **November 1<sup>st</sup> - December 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Complete the WCSD online registration between **December 1<sup>st</sup> - December 15<sup>th</sup>**



Online registration links for current WCSD students & students new to WCSD are available at: <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/10776>



- **How can I request participation in a Signature Academy?**

- **Program Selection for Your Zoned High School**

- Complete the WCSD online registration available beginning **December 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Complete the Signature Academy Application for your zoned high school between **December 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Application Link available at [www.washoeschools.net/cteprograms](http://www.washoeschools.net/cteprograms)

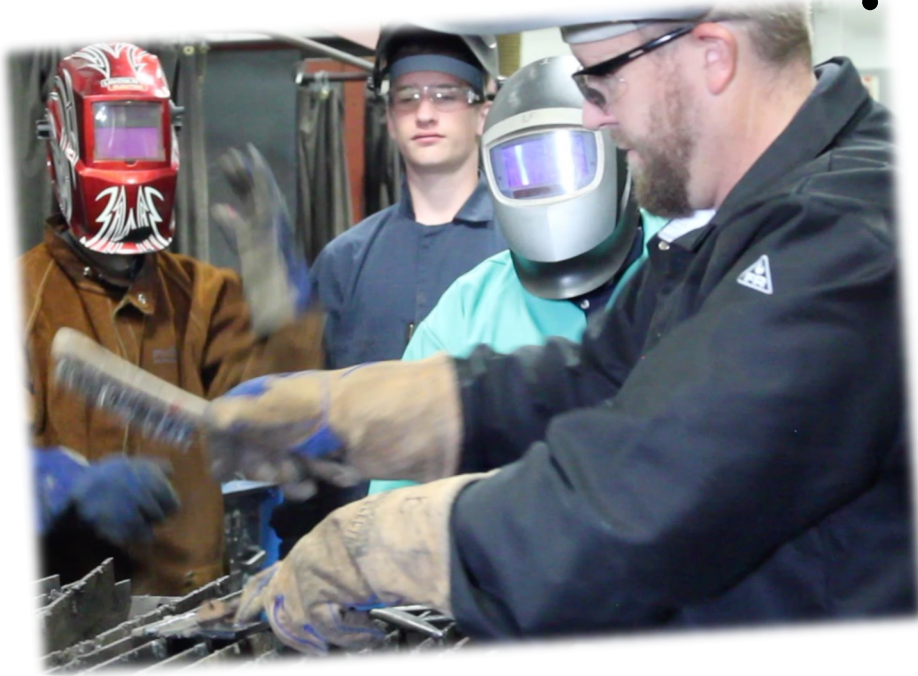
- **Program Selection for Anywhere Other Than Your Zoned High School**

- Complete the WCSD online registration between **December 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>**
- As part of the online registration, complete the School of Choice request form.
- A second window will be available in March

Online registration links for current WCSD students & students new to WCSD are available at:

<https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/10776>





- *How does transportation to a Signature Academy work?*
  - If you are placed as a student in a Signature Academy, you will have to provide your own transportation, **except** for AACT, Wooster, or your zoned high school
  - AACT and Wooster provide busing to students who need it





- ***How do sports work at a Signature Academy?***
  - Students who attend AACT can still participate in sports at their zoned high school.
  - A student attending any other Signature Academy is eligible
  - to participate in sports at that school only.



- ***What are the programs again?***
  - For a complete listing of Signature Academy & other CTE programs available at each high school as well as a detailed description of each program, visit [www.washoeschools.net/cteprograms](http://www.washoeschools.net/cteprograms)



Still have questions? Go to:  
[www.washoeschools.net/cteprograms](http://www.washoeschools.net/cteprograms)

