**Academies of Hampton Selection and Admissions Process**

The goal of the Academies of Hampton is to provide students a dynamic experiential learning opportunity over three to four years in cross-curricular academic and work readiness experiences.

Each Academy manages the selection process for its programs. A committee, comprised of Academy faculty, staff and administrators, follows the following process as it reviews each application.

**STEP 1:** Students will only be considered if they have submitted all required application documents to their school counselor no later than March 1. The completed application package includes the following documents:

- Academies of Hampton application
- Student’s personal essay
- Two (current) teacher recommendations
- School counselor recommendation
- Student profile
- Student Log entries

**STEP 2:** A committee made up of Academy faculty, staff, school counselors, teachers and administrators reviews each application and student record (attendance and grade-point averages). In their review, the committee considers the student’s application, the two teacher and school counselor recommendations, and the student’s grades, attendance and discipline records. Student applications must demonstrate that the student has met the minimum academic requirements, received satisfactory letters of recommendation, demonstrated commitment to adherence to the student code of conduct, and expressed a desire to attain competence in one of the career pathway plans of study.

**STEP 3:** Each Academy has a maximum enrollment number; therefore, space availability is considered in the final selection of students for admittance to the program. The committee is responsible for ensuring the incoming class of Academy students represents the diverse population of Hampton City School student census. The Selection Committee decisions are submitted to the Academy principal for review.

**STEP 4:** Application approval by the Academy principal is required. All decisions are final.

**STEP 5:** Selection Committee decisions will be provided to students and parents no later than March 25.

**STEP 6:** Students and parents are expected to attend an Academies of Hampton orientation March 28-31. The orientation agenda will include the following topics:

- Overview of the Academy
- Explanation of the Clusters and Pathways
- Review of student expectations
- Parent and student question and answer session
- Meeting with School Counselor and teachers

**STEP 7:** Students and parents must sign a formal letter of acceptance to enroll in the Academy no later than April 11.