What are The Academies of Hampton?

Through the Academies of Hampton, Hampton City Schools is committed to providing students more of the advanced skills they need to be productive, engaged, and successful citizens in college, career, and life. The Academies enable students to learn through the lens of a career or academic theme in a relevant, hands-on learning environment with real-world application and experiences. Each Academy provides a highly personalized, small learning community, where students learn English, science, math, and social studies within the theme of their Academy. Through their Academy experiences, students are exposed to a multitude of careers and opportunities, industry skills, and potential employers by way of classroom speakers, site visits, job shadowing, and internships.

What makes an Academy experience different than a traditional, comprehensive high school experience?

- Students learn in a small, personalized environment that is centered on and responsive to their needs and the needs of the community.
- Students experience applied learning opportunities within themed Academies.
- Students work with business and industry partners to solve real-world problems for authentic learning.
- Essential knowledge and skills are taught to students in order to graduate prepared for success in postsecondary education, training, or employment.
- Students engage in a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates academic and career education curriculum.
- Students work within a culture of collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking that promotes the development of leadership and teamwork skills.
- Students earn certification credentials and have dual enrollment opportunities.
- Students graduate with the essential 21st century knowledge and skills that prepare them for further education, training, careers, and life.

What will the Academies of Hampton provide students?

- Encouraging, nurturing, challenging, and rigorous learning opportunities within small learning communities.
- Positive relationships with all stakeholders, parents and guardians, students, teachers, school staff, and industry and business partners.
- Training and resources to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully.
- Supports for students who are experiencing crisis, trauma, or serious challenges in their homes, school, and communities.
- Engaging academic and extracurricular activities for students that meet their academic needs and college and career goals.
- Effective communication between schools, parents, and communities.
- Clean and well-maintained environments that clearly demonstrate school pride and love of learning.
- A learning environment where students and staff feel physically and emotionally safe.

The Academies of Hampton prepare for students for college and careers.