

ARE YOU GOING TO CHOOSE A CAREER ACADEMY??

Did you know...

The North Tonawanda High School has 4 different career academies? These academies each have a different career focus. Academies help students to become part of a group of students who have similar interests. When a student enters a high school, many times they feel overwhelmed and becoming a part of a group has the benefit of feeling more comfortable in the school environment.

Each of the Academies incorporate career specific curriculum into the students' regular schedule, developing a well rounded student who has gained many tools to better prepare them for future career success. The combination of knowledge and experience provides Academy graduates a competitive advantage over many other high school graduates.

If your child is interested in an Academy, please contact the high school and ask for the appropriate academy director.

Academy of Business and Finance



- Three-year program
- Solid business and financial education
- Sound business practices and corporate workplace etiquette
- Career opportunities including:
 - **Careers in :**
 - Banking and Financial Services
 - Insurance/Hospitals
 - Construction/Real Estate
 - Tax/Government
 - Hospitality/Entertainment
 - International Business
 - **With positions such as:**
 - Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
 - Forensic or International Accountant
 - FBI Special Agent
 - Sports Marketing Specialist
 - Advertising/Public Relations
 - Travel and Tourism Consultant
 - Fashion Merchandising
 - Wedding/ Event/Meeting Planner
- Graduating students would be eligible for an entry-level financial position or be equipped to successfully complete a college degree program
- Academy students take part in a paid internship to build practical on-the-job experiences.
- Opportunities for college credit with NU, Hilbert, NCCC, ECC and Bryant and Stratton colleges.

Director:
Mrs. Laurie Widman

Academy of Engineering and Architecture



- Four-year program
- Introduces students to broad career opportunities, creating interest for students in the engineering and/or architectural fields including:
 - Architect, Landscape Architect, Urban and Regional Planning.
 - All Engineering Fields: Aerospace, Biomedical, Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical and Structural.
- The student's traditional curriculum is enhanced with a career theme of relevant courses, experiential activities, interesting field trips and career oriented competitions.
- Courses are designed to develop creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills and students will be challenged creatively, technically and artistically.
- Students will learn the basic skills of drafting, design and the most widely-used computer software programs.
- Projects are based on design, engineering and architectural occupations and relate directly to real world applications.
- Academy students are required to participate in an internship in a company pertinent to their career choice.

Co - Directors:
Mr. Christopher Cook
Mrs. June Mikulski

Academy of Information Technology



- Four-year program
- Gives students the opportunity to pursue a focused area of exploration; that being a computer science or digital media and communications path.
- Introduces students to career opportunities in today's digital workforce including:
 - Publishing industries (software, internet, and traditional)
 - Graphic design, marketing, advertising, print media
 - Animation and game design
 - Motion picture, sound recording, and broadcast industries
 - Data processing and information services
 - Network administration
 - Computer systems design, service and maintenance
 - Cyber security and information management
- Project-based classes enable students to have exposure to a variety of current software applications including Adobe Web Premium CS5.
- Equips students with personal, analytical, technical and communication skills needed for success.

Director:
Mrs. Barbara Sattelberg

Academy of International Studies



- Four-year program
- Introduces students to broad career opportunities.
- The student's traditional curriculum is enhanced with a career theme of relevant courses and experiential activities.
- Gives students with an interest in foreign languages a more global focus to their studies.
- Students in this Academy study two foreign languages and will be guided toward course selections that will prepare them for university or college programs and beyond
- Will provide the foundation to compete in a global economy for employment.
- Based on course selections, students completing the Academy requirements have the opportunity to earn between 12 and 21 college credits while still in high school.
- Academy students take part in the "Teach Foreign Language to Elementary Students" {FLES} program offered at the high school. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to practice their foreign language skills.

Director:
Mr. Robert Lucas

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE TO A NORTH TONAWANDA HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE ACADEMIES LISTED AND SUBMIT THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK
TO THE ACADEMY DIRECTOR FOR THE ACADEMY YOU CHOSE.

ACADEMY OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Director: Mrs. Laurie Widman – HS Room 224B

ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

Co- Director: Mrs. June Mikulski – HS Room 222
Co- Director: Mr. Christopher Cook– HS Room 320

ACADEMY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Director: Mrs. Barbara Sattelberg – HS Room 224A

ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Director: Mr. Robert Lucas – HS Room 133

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Guardian's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Career Interest: _____

Future Plans Work Trade School Two-Year College Four-Year College

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. *Copy of most recent report card*
2. *Letter of interest from the student*
3. *Letter of interest from the parent*
4. *Letters of recommendation from:*
 - ✓ *Guidance counselor*
 - ✓ *Teacher*
 - ✓ *Outside source*

Student Signature

Guardian Signature

Date

Date