






# A GUIDE TO CHOOSING A CAREER ACADEMY IN THE NORTH TONAWANDA HIGH SCHOOL

## Did you know...

The North Tonawanda High School has FIVE different career academies? Academies enable students to become part of a group of students who have similar interests, which has the benefit of allowing students to feel more comfortable in the school environment. All the Academy programs run throughout the four years of the student's high school career.

Each of the Academies has a different career focus and incorporate career specific curriculum into the students' schedule. This helps to develop a well-rounded student who has gained many tools to better prepare themselves for future career success. The combination of knowledge and experience provides Academy graduates a competitive advantage over many other high school graduates.

If you are interested in an Academy, please contact the high school and ask for the appropriate academy director or go the [ntschoools.org](http://ntschoools.org) website and explore the academies.

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Academy of Business and Finance</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students gain a solid business and finance education, an understanding of sound business practices/corporate workplace etiquette</li> <li>- Introduces students to broad career opportunities including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Careers in:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banking and Financial Services</li> <li>• Insurance/Hospitals</li> <li>• Construction/Real Estate</li> <li>• Tax/Government</li> <li>• Hospitality/Entertainment</li> <li>• International Business</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>With positions such as:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Financial Officer (CFO)</li> <li>• Forensic/ International Accountant</li> <li>• FBI Special Agent</li> <li>• Sports Marketing Specialist</li> <li>• Advertising/Public Relations</li> <li>• Travel and Tourism Consultant</li> <li>• Fashion Merchandising</li> <li>• Wedding/ Event Planner</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Graduating students are eligible for an entry-level financial position or be equipped to successfully complete a college degree program</li> <li>- Academy students take part in an internship to build practical on-the-job experience</li> <li>- Students completing the Academy requirements have the opportunity to earn up to 12 college credits while still in high school</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Co- Directors:</u></b> <b>Mrs. Laurie Widman</b> <b>Mrs. Annette Follendorf</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Academy of Engineering and Architecture</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four-year program</li> <li>- Introduces students to broad career opportunities</li> <li>- The student's traditional curriculum is enhanced with a career theme of relevant courses and experiential activities</li> <li>- Courses are designed for students to develop their creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills</li> <li>- Students will learn the basic skills of drafting, design and the most widely-used computer software programs</li> <li>- Students will be challenged creatively, technically and artistically</li> <li>- Projects are based on numerous design, engineering and architectural occupations and relate directly to real world applications</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Co - Directors:</u></b> <b>Mr. Stephen Blask</b> <b>Mr. Christopher Cook</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Academy of Health Sciences</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Academy of Health Sciences is starting in the Fall of 2017!</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The AOHS is designed for students that have an interest in Health, Sports and/or Medicine</li> <li>- Some career paths that would fall under this academy are, doctor, nurse, physical therapist, athletic trainer, x-ray technician and many others!</li> <li>- Students will take unique courses including Forensics and Sports Medicine and will be involved with field trips and extracurricular activities meant to enhance their high school career and guide them towards a college/career path in these fields</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Co-Directors:</u></b> <b>Ms. Jennifer Reed</b> <b>Mr. William Breed</b> <b>Mrs. Katie Harrington</b> <b>Mrs. Catherine Winston</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Academy of Information Technology</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gives students the opportunity to pursue a focused area of exploration in computer science or digital media/ communications</li> <li>- Introduces students to career opportunities in today's digital workforce including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Publishing industries (software, Internet, and traditional)</li> <li>o Animation and game design</li> <li>o Motion picture, sound recording, and broadcast industries</li> <li>o Data processing and information services</li> <li>o Computer systems design, service and maintenance</li> <li>o Cyber security and information management</li> <li>o Graphic design, marketing, advertising, print media</li> <li>o Network administration</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Project-based allows for exposure to a variety of current software applications including Adobe Web Premium CS5</li> <li>- Equips students with personal, analytical, technical and communication skills needed for success</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Co-Directors:</u></b> <b>Mrs. Barbara Sattelberg</b> <b>Mrs. Mary Gentz</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Academy of International Studies</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduces students to broad career opportunities</li> <li>- The student's traditional curriculum is enhanced with a career theme of relevant courses and experiential activities</li> <li>- Gives students with an interest in foreign languages a more global focus to their studies</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Will provide the foundation to compete in a global economy for employment</li> <li>- Students completing the Academy requirements have the opportunity to earn up to 21 college credits while still in high school</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Director:</u></b> <b>Mr. Robert Lucas</b></p>