### The Academies of Dearborn Public Schools @ Fordson High School



<u>Vision</u>

## Students First: Education with a Purpose



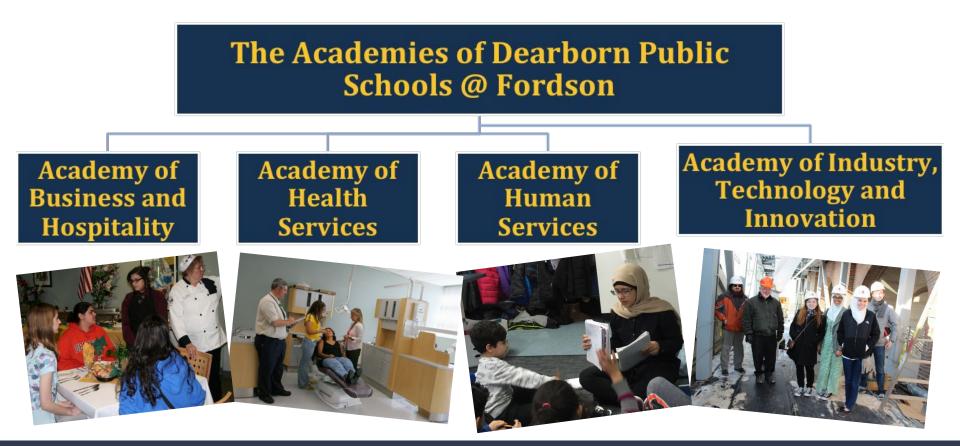
## **Mission & Beliefs**

#### <u>Mission</u>

The Academies of Dearborn Public Schools will collaborate with industry, post secondary and community partners to ensure that all students engage in a program of study that provides a comprehensive and career focused curriculum to prepare every student for post secondary success in college and/or career.



- Every student will have a plan for their future.
- Every student will engage in a program of study aligned to their career interests and abilities.
- Every student will be mentored through connections with staff, industry, post-secondary and community partners.
- Every student will have the opportunity to gain college credit for advanced coursework and/or complete an industry certification while in high school.
- Every student will develop work-ready skills.
- Every student will have the opportunity to apply classroom learning in a workplace setting.



#### Academies of Dearborn Public Schools @ Fordson Pathways

# 9th Grade: Career Exploration in the Freshman Academy

- Career Cruising
- Career Exploration Course
- Field Trips to Colleges, Universities and Businesses based on interest
- Guest speakers
- Career Fair
- Creation of My Career Plan with Counselors
- All 9th grade students choose an Academy

#### **Business Partnerships Activities**

**Academy Partner Activities** (please check all that apply): **Guest Speakers Career Fair Career Mentors Curriculum Development Teacher Externships Job Shadowing** 

\_\_\_Field Trips

- \_\_\_Mock Interviews
- \_\_\_Academy Advisory Board

\_Student Internships

\_\_Industry Certification

**Exam Tutors** 

#### 10th Grade: Begin Career Academy

- Students are teamed by Academy
- Students take at least 1 course related to their Academy per semester
- Students continue college and university and business visits/field trips
- Business Partnership Speakers brought in to address students in each Academy
- PBL opportunities offered in each Academy



## CTE

**Career and Technical Education Courses provide:** 

- 1. A sequence of related courses to begin training for high demand, high paying, high skilled careers
- 2. An engaging, hands-on curriculum
- 3. Field trips, job shadows, mentors, internships and other "Work Based Learning" opportunities.
- 4. The chance to earn *College Credit* for your high school career classes
- 5. Industry certifications to help you be more prepared and more competitive in today's job market
- 6. The chance to apply what you learn in competition against other schools through CTE Student Service Organizations (CTSOs) like BPA, DECA, HOSA and SkillsUSA.





## Henry Ford College Partnership:

- Partnership allows students to take Academy electives
- Students earn college credit
- Students work to earn professional certifications



## Timeline:

- Year 1: 9th grade career exploration, 10th grade Career Academy launch
- Year 2: 9th grade career exploration, 10th Grade Career Academy, 11th grade Career Academy launch
- Year 3: 9th grade career exploration, 10th grade Career Academy, 11th grade Career Academy, 12th grade Academy launch with capstone project.

## Education with a Purpose

