Career Academies and Pathways

LRSD has partnered with the three Pulaski County school districts to transform the high school experience through career and interest-themed academies. LRSD is committed to helping students discover their unique talents, grow in knowledge, and develop skills and dispositions needed for success in academics and in life.

Ford NGL provides a model for the academies and is a collaborative community-driven approach that infuses high expectations and academic rigor with real-world relevance and Career and Technical Education (CTE).

During the freshman year, students select an Academy, which becomes a small learning community within the high school. Core academics are taught through the lens of the academy. LRSD will offer multiple pathways so that every student can choose a program that fits a personal interest. This integrated approach will help students connect with core academics, find their career interests, and create a plan to pursue their academic and career goals.

LRSD will be phasing in Academies over the next few years as we transition from our current high school structures to the Academies structure.

Academy Selection + Pathway

In Freshman Seminar, students explore careers and personal strengths and interests, and participate in a Career Exposure Fair. They will also explore the specific academies and pathways offered at LRSD.

- Join Freshman Academy (small learning community)
- Take Freshman Seminar Course
- Attend Career Fair Event
- Select an Academy and Pathway

- Enter selected Academy
- Take Level 1 Course(s) in Pathway*
- Have one opportunity to reevaluate and adjust Academy & Pathway selection

- Continue in selected Academy
- Take Level 2 Course(s) in Pathway

- Continue in selected Academy
- Take Level 3 Course(s) in Pathway
- Complete a Senior CAPSTONE

All students must complete at least six units in an approved Career Focus Program for graduation. Units earned in pathway courses count toward the six required units.

Portrait of an Academy Graduate:

Creative Problem Solving & Conflict Resolution
Academies of Central Arkansas students will have the ability to solve a variety of problems in both conventional and innovative ways, including systems thinking.
- Ask significant questions that clarify various points of view
- Think critically and use various forms of reasoning in a variety of situations
- Analyze and evaluate evidence, arguments, claims and beliefs

Career Ready & College Ready
Academies of Central Arkansas students will graduate with a personal resilience and awareness necessary for success in life after high school.
- Exhibit work ethic and understand the role of perseverance in one’s chosen endeavors
- Understand the importance of making appropriate personal financial decisions and understand the economy’s role in society
- Emerge academically prepared for college and/or career with college credits and/or industry-related certifications

Communication, Collaboration & Leadership
Academies of Central Arkansas students will graduate with the ability to communicate, collaborate and lead.
- Learn from and work collaboratively with others
- Understand and respect diverse cultures, religions and lifestyles
- Communicate in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue in personal, work and community contexts

Interpersonal Skills
Academies of Central Arkansas students will demonstrate the ability to work effectively and respectfully in diverse teams, articulating clear thoughts and ideas using a variety of communication skills.
- Build relationships within teams
- Demonstrate the ability to make necessary compromises to attain goals
- Assume shared responsibility for collaborative work

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The Academies at Hall STEAM Magnet High School focus on providing students a rigorous, 21st century education that will prepare them for college or career once they graduate. We are transforming teaching and learning here at Hall STEAM. We want to change how students learn by putting them in front of hands on projects that allow them to embed their academics into authentic projects and learning. Each of our academies will work with local business partners to implement this real world learning experience for students.

In addition to taking their normal high school classes, students will also take a pathway/academy course each year. Once students reach their senior year, they will participate in a capstone project or internship with one of our partner businesses. This will allow students to receive industry certifications that will help them land jobs or be college ready once they leave high school. We also offer the same AP classes that are offered at other high schools around the district. Hall STEAM Magnet offers students with interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) school-wide enrichment experiences, project based learning, real-world applied learning, career awareness, and other STEM specific activities.

**Unique Offerings**

- Little Rock Hall STEAM Magnet High School embraces the Project-Based Learning model, encouraging students to demonstrate mastery of learning through creative avenues of their own choosing, giving students a voice or choice.
- Each of our academies work with local business partners to implement real world learning experience for students.
- Project Lead the Way curriculum is utilized. This engaging, hands-on classroom environment empowers students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills they need to thrive.

**Freshman Academy**

As part of a rigorous and relevant curriculum here at Hall STEAM Magnet High School, students will choose to be placed into academies their freshman years.

Our Academy of Engineering and Academy of Health Science both utilize the Project Lead the Way curriculum. For more information about PLTW visit [www.pltw.org](http://www.pltw.org).

**Academy of Engineering**

- Computer Science Software Development
- Pre-Engineering Integrated Manufacturing

**Academy of Health Sciences**

- Biomedical Sciences

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[www.LRSD.org/LRHallSTEAM](http://www.LRSD.org/LRHallSTEAM)
PATHWAYS

As a Parkview Patriot, your student will enter under either our Academy of University Sciences or the Academy of Applied Design. As a University Sciences Academy student, the existing rigor will be enhanced with pathways to include a focus on medical sciences, environmental and ecological sciences, and scientific research & technical writing. Within the Academy of Arts and Applied Design, students will have the opportunity to specialize in pathways that include our current arts courses of plenty, but also our digital/technical-driven additions.

Freshman Academy

Academy of Health & Applied Science

- Mental & Behavioral Health
- Environmental Science
- Sports Science & Physiology
- Engineering & Industrial Science

Academy of Arts & Applied Design

- Music Performance & Production
- Dance & Human Kinetics
- Theatre Arts & Filmmaking
- Visual Arts & Applied Design
- Arts Industry

About the Program

Welcome to Parkview Arts/Sciences Magnet High School Academies, where your student will receive the most diverse and unique educational experience in Central Arkansas. Our students learn through immersion in our performance and production classes, as well as our outstanding health and applied science focused courses. At PHS, our students will graduate prepared to contribute to our community artistically and academically. Join us as we transform our approach to teaching core and specialty content. Come and

Parkview Arts/Science Magnet High School is ranked as the Little Rock School District's number one public high school by the U.S. News & World Report Magazine. We attribute this status to our diverse and driven student body, a rigorous curriculum-infused with specialty courses in the arts and sciences, and a caring faculty and staff.

As we move forward as an Academies of Little Rock School, we are working hard to bridge our tradition of excellence and the freshness that will stand to meet the changing needs of our students and community.

Unique Offerings

- Our Health & Applied Science Academy offers students diverse choices for a relevant STEM education. Every student can build on their core content knowledge through research, hands-on learning, and pertinent connections to math and science.

- Our Arts and Applied Design Academy offers students an avenue to enhance their artistic skills while exploring the vast opportunities that art industries have to offer. Transform your educational experience by engaging in coursework surrounding the artistic technique, application, and performance of music, dance, theatre, or visual arts.

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CAREER AND INTEREST-THEMED ACADEMIES

About the Program

Little Rock Southwest Magnet High School is located on 55 acres in Southwest Little Rock, and is the new flagship high school for the state’s capitol city. Our scholars will have access to a wide variety of challenging classes and pathways. We prepare scholars for the global stage through project-based learning and interdisciplinary teaching models. Little Rock Southwest will offer a path for scholars interested in studying a specific career magnet area while in high school. LRSW will have Freshman Academy and three career magnet academies: The Academy of Aerospace & Medical Sciences, The Academy of Business & Computer Science and the Academy of Leadership & Public Service. Scholars begin in the Freshman Academy, during their ninth grade year, which provides a small supportive environment as students learn what it takes to be successful in high school. From there, students choose a pathway in one of the three Career Academies. In addition to a rigorous and expansive curriculum, including Advanced Placement courses and blended learning opportunities throughout the school, LRSW also offers scholars the opportunity to participate in multiple clubs, sports teams, music programs and more.

Unique Offerings

Little Rock Southwest Magnet High School helps all of our scholars make the most of their high school education, and we work closely with business and community partners to provide hands-on experiences and training.

Unique Pathways, including: Sports Medicine, Biomedical Science, Drone Technology, Legal Services, Robotics, Banking, Business Marketing & Design, and Mobile App Development.

Project Lead the Way curriculum is utilized. This engaging, hands-on classroom environment empowers students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills they need to thrive.
LR West High School of Innovation is excited to introduce our new Academies and Career Pathways. With the Academy of Animal and Plant Systems and Advanced Professional Studies, and the Academy of Digital Marketing, Design and Logistics, students have a wide variety of careers to explore to enhance and add to their educational experience, preparing them for the workforce or higher education. Whether students are interested in exploring veterinary sciences, conserving our natural resources, designing visual media, websites and digital advertising, or welding to medical professions, Little Rock West will engage students and feed their drive to become their best.

**PATHWAYS**

**Freshman Academy**

**Academy of Agriculture Business & Innovation**

- Horticulture Technology
- Veterinary Science & Industry
- Digital Marketing

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**About the Program**

Providing unique educational opportunities to students who wish to shine is the goal of LR West High School of Innovation. Mixing hands-on experience with a real-world environment allows students to grow in potential career paths while preparing for movement into higher education or the workforce.

We strive to be the leader in providing personalized educational opportunities, driven by the voice and choice of each student. With flexible scheduling, project-based learning and college and career coaches, students graduating from LR West, are career ready, college ready and life ready!

**Unique Offerings**

- Each year a student is a Little Rock West Dragon they have a College and Career Coach helping them along the way with interest inventories, job shadowing and internships, preparing for the ACT test, job resumes and college applications.

- Little Rock West HSOI incorporates an Advisory class each day which supports students’ academic and SEL needs through building relationships between those teachers and students.

- Each semester, students participate on Community Service-Learning opportunities. LR West works with the surrounding community to plan projects each semester that will make a positive difference in the lives of others.

- Little Rock West HSOI embraces the Project-Based Learning model, encouraging students to demonstrate mastery of learning through creative avenues of their own choosing, giving students a voice or choice.

- Families have the option of students attending fully on-campus, fully virtual, or a blended option.

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