

School Choice

Board of Education
November 6, 2017

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History of Gaston County Choice Programs

August 2000

- Highland School of Technology



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History of Gaston County Choice Programs

February - March 2014

- Seven Community Meetings Held
- Over 1,200 Stakeholders Attended

May 2014

- Board of Education Approved Strategic Plan



School Choice

August 2016

- Hawks Nest STEAM Academy

August 2017

- Pleasant Ridge Gifted and Talented Academy



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What Is School Choice?

Whole School Choice

- Gaston Early College
- Hawks Nest STEAM Academy
- Highland School of Technology



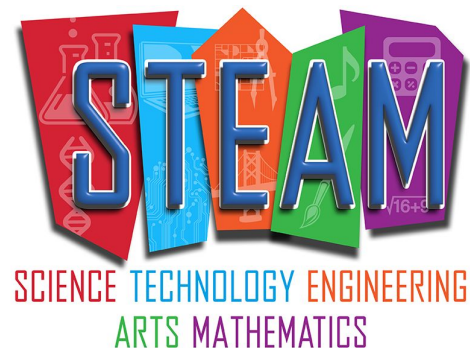
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What Is School Choice?

School Choice Programs

- Pleasant Ridge Gifted and Talented Academy
- Middle School STEAM Academy



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What's Next?



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Possible Choice Programs

Middle School STEAM Academy

- Whole school participation

Overview

- Project Lead the Way (Engineering)
- Computer Science Discoveries (Coding)
- Technology Engineering & Design

Possible Choice Programs

Middle School STEAM Academy

- Hawks Nest STEAM Academy 5th grade students are guaranteed enrollment in Fall 2018 (*must meet transfer requirements*)
- Students in attendance zone will participate

Possible Choice Programs

High School Academy of Health Sciences

- Entrance criteria to be developed

Overview

- Pharmacy Technician
- Emergency Medical Technology
- Healthcare Business Informatics
- Health Team Relations
- Health Science
- Nursing Fundamentals

Possible Choice Programs

High School Academy of Health Sciences

- Middle School STEAM Academy 8th grade students guaranteed enrollment (*must meet transfer requirements*)
- Students in attendance zone may participate
- Seniors ineligible

Choice Program Pathways



Possible Choice Programs

Middle School Trade and Industrial Engineering Academy

- Entrance criteria to be developed

Overview

- Computer Science Discoveries (Coding)
- Exploring Career Decisions
- Robotics
- Technology Engineering and Design

Possible Choice Programs

Middle School Trade and Industrial Engineering Academy

- Open to students in assignment zone and outside applicants
- Participants will be guaranteed a seat at the High School Trade and Industrial Engineering Academy

Possible Choice Programs

High School Trade and Industrial Engineering Academy

- Entrance criteria to be developed

Overview

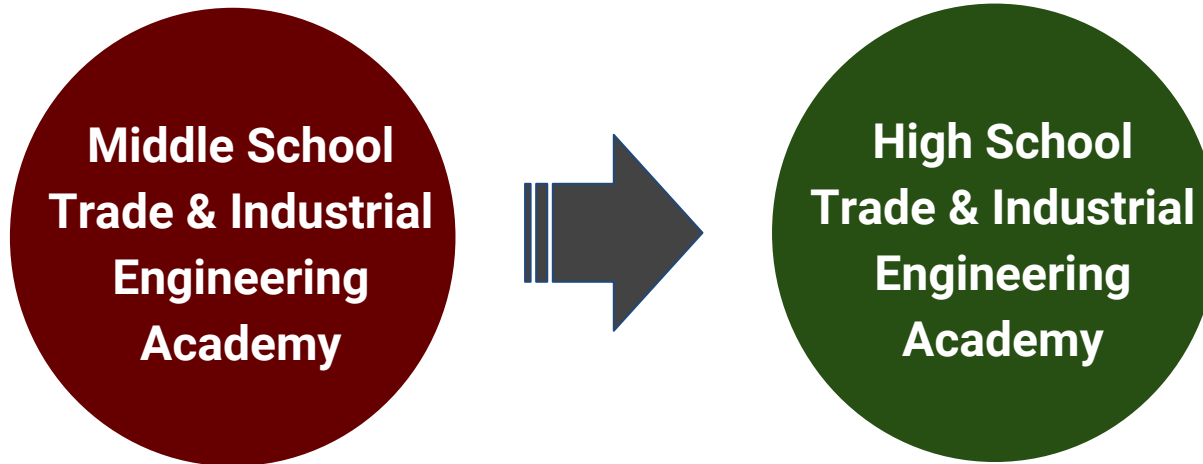
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Carpentry
- Masonry
- Game Art/Scientific Visualization

Possible Choice Programs

High School Trade and Industrial Engineering Academy

- Middle School T&I Engineering Academy 8th grade students guaranteed enrollment (*must meet transfer requirements*)
- Seniors ineligible

Choice Program Pathways



Possible Choice Programs

Middle School Gifted and Talented Academy

- School-Wide Enrichment Model
 - Whole school participation
- Academically and Intellectually Gifted component
 - Identified student participation

Overview

- Broad Concept of Giftedness
- Enrichment Clusters
- Student Interest Surveys
- Compacted Curriculum
- Technology Focus

Possible Choice Programs

Middle School Gifted and Talented Academy

- Pleasant Ridge Gifted and Talented Academy 5th grade students guaranteed enrollment in Fall 2019 (*must meet program and transfer requirements*)
- School-Wide Enrichment Model
 - Whole school participation
- Academically and Intellectually Gifted component
 - Identified student participation

Possible Choice Programs

High School Collegiate Prep Academy

- Entrance criteria to be developed

Overview

- Advanced Placement Courses
- Honors Courses
- College Level Courses
- Career and College Promise
- College Articulation Courses

Possible Choice Programs

High School Collegiate Prep Academy

- Middle School Gifted and Talented Academy 8th grade students guaranteed enrollment (*must meet program and transfer requirements*)
- Collegiate Prep Academy Component
 - Eligible students may participate
- Seniors ineligible

Choice Program Pathways



Possible Choice Programs

Middle School Career Academies

- Entrance criteria to be developed

Overview

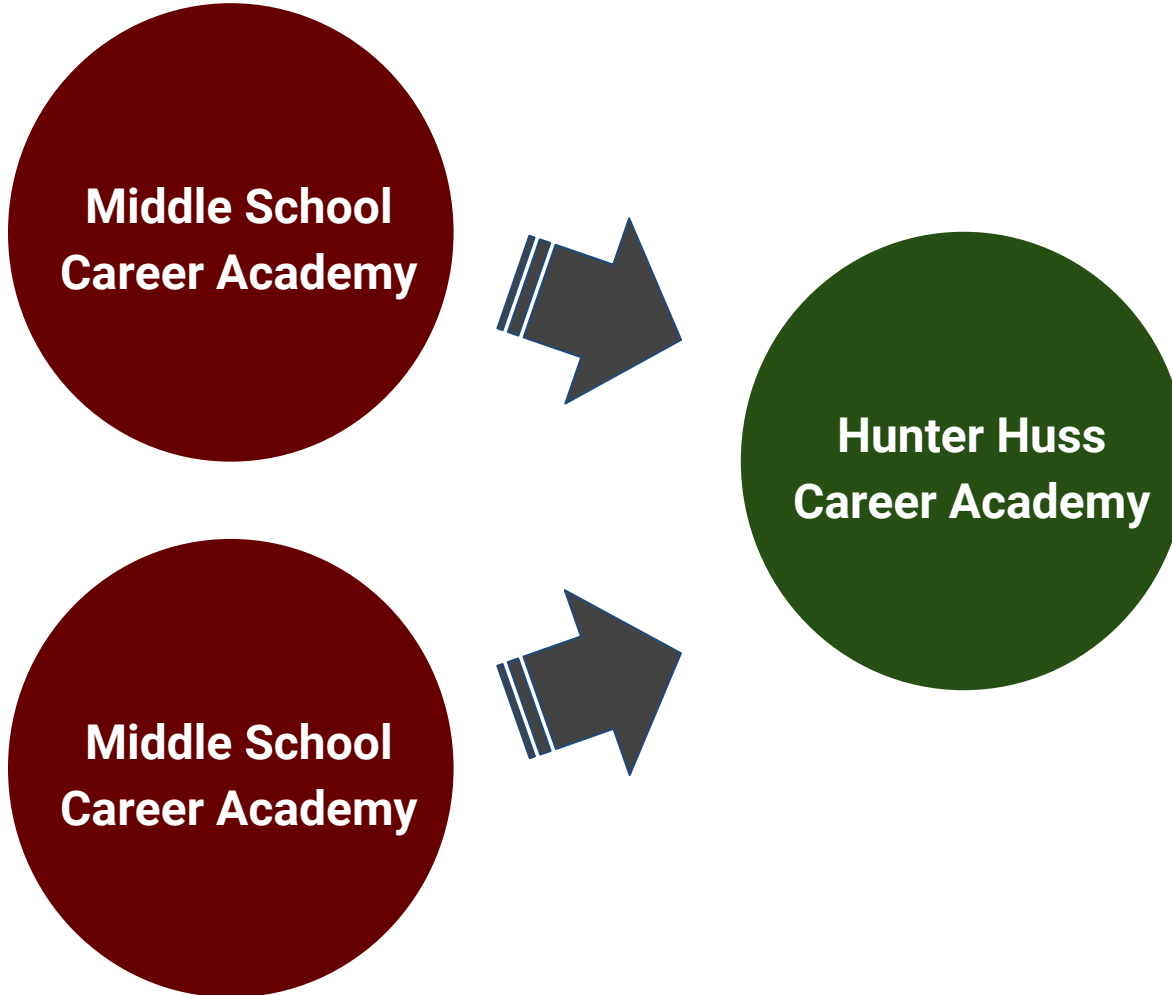
- Exploring Family and Consumer Sciences (Food Science)
- Computer Science Discoveries (Coding)

Possible Choice Programs

Middle School Career Academies

- Open to students in assignment zone and outside applicants
- Participants will be guaranteed a seat at the Hunter Huss Career Academy

Choice Program Pathways



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Possible Choice Programs

Elementary School Leadership Academy

- Entrance criteria to be developed

Overview

- Junior Achievement
- BizTown
- School Newspaper
- Online Publishing

Possible Choice Programs

Elementary School Leadership Academy

- Open to students in assignment zone and outside applicants
- Participants will be guaranteed a seat at the Middle School Leadership Academy

Possible Choice Programs

Middle School Leadership Academy

- Entrance criteria to be developed

Overview

- Exploring Career Decisions
- Exploring Business Procedures and Leadership

Possible Choice Programs

Middle School Leadership Academy

- Open to students in assignment zone and outside applicants
- Participants will be guaranteed a seat at the High School Leadership Academy

Possible Choice Programs

High School Leadership Academy

- Entrance criteria to be developed

Overview

- Junior ROTC
- Criminal Justice
- Business Law

Possible Choice Programs

High School Leadership Academy

- Middle School Leadership Academy 8th grade students guaranteed enrollment (*must meet transfer requirements*)
- Seniors ineligible

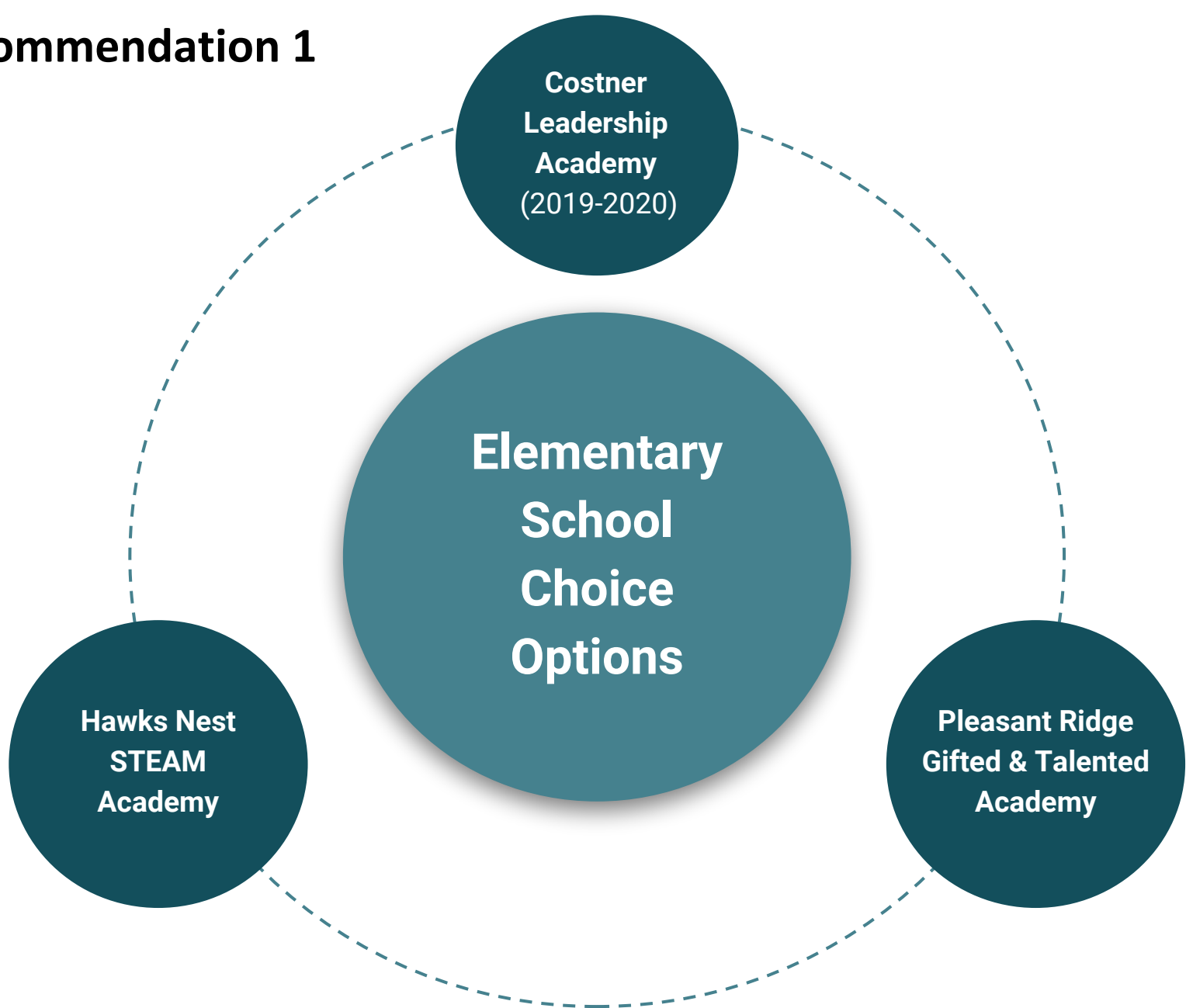
Choice Program Pathways



Recommendations



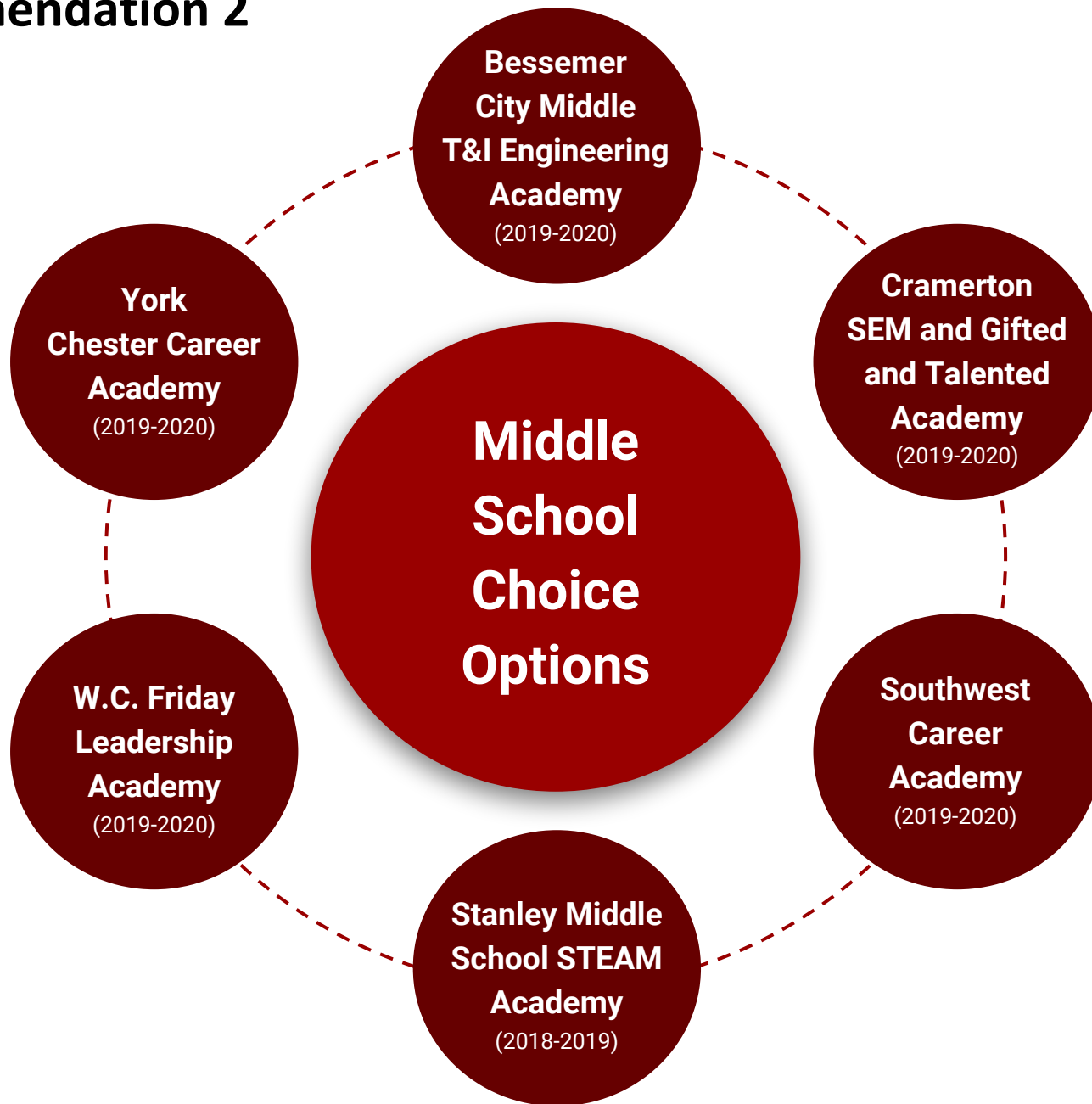
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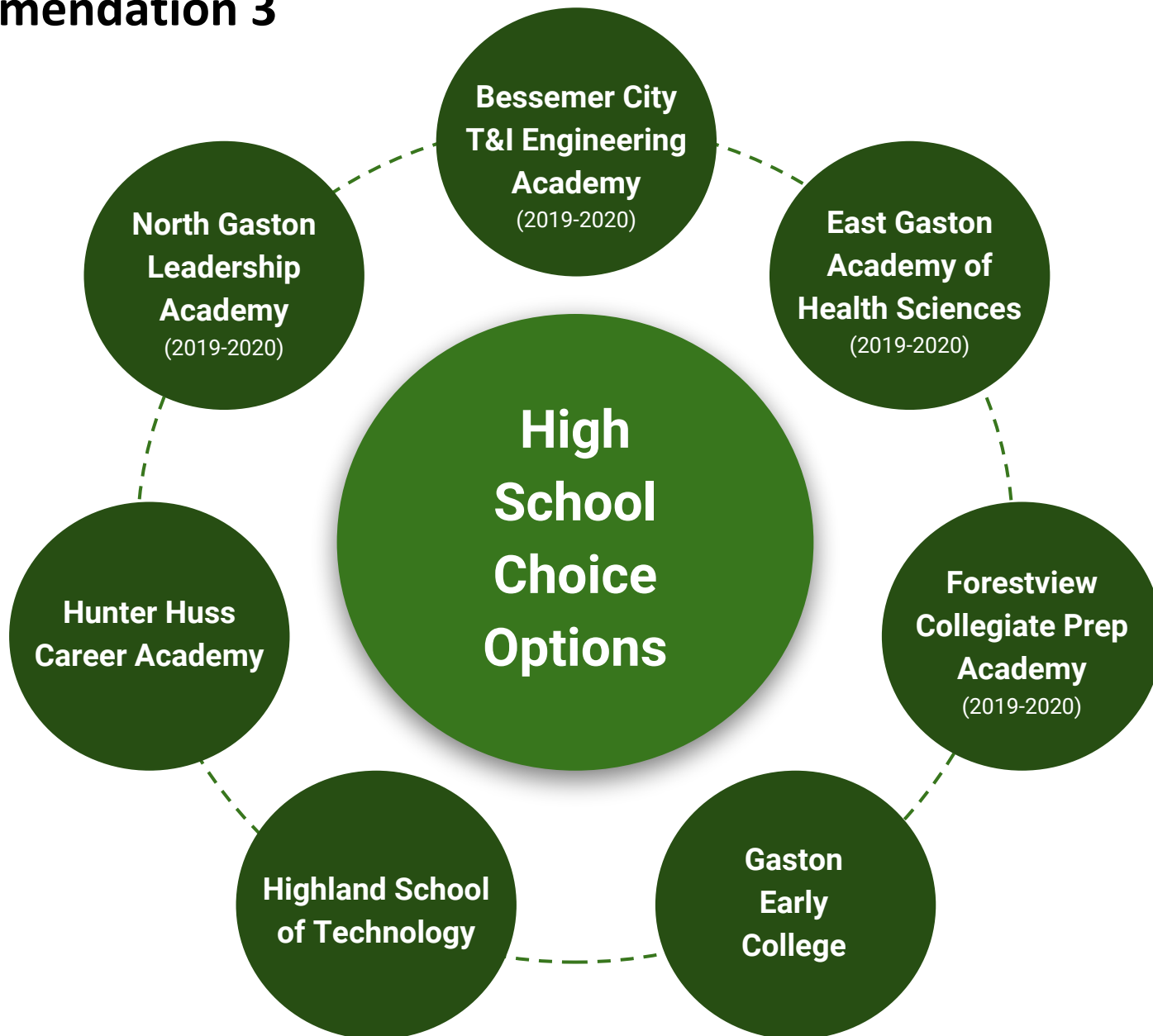
Recommendation 2



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Recommendation 3



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Questions?

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Sibling Policy

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Sibling Policy

Purpose

Gaston County Schools continues to develop School Choice Program options for our families. The amount of programs proposed could allow families to remain together as they select choice options in the future.

Staff is requesting the formation of a Sibling Policy Committee. Stakeholder input will be invaluable as district staff develops a Sibling Policy for approval.



Sibling Policy Committee

Plan of Action

- Discuss creation of Sibling Policy Committee, November 6th
- Structure Committee
- Solicit Participation
- Hold Meetings
 - Tentative Dates:
 - November 28, 2017
 - December 12, 2017
 - January 9, 2018

Questions?

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Career and Technical Education Business Advisory Council

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G.S. 115C-170

- Purpose - Each Board of Education shall be assisted by a business advisory council in the performance of its duties to provide CTE instruction, activities, and services.
- Minimum of 9 members:
 - 4 ex-officio = Superintendent (or designee), CTE Director (non-voting member), President of the Community College (or designee) and principal of a high school
 - 5 business, industry or community representatives

G.S. 115C-170

- Terms and Appointments :
 - Business, community members, parents, economic, chamber and workforce organizations
 - 4, 3 and 2 year terms
- Bylaws must be adopted establishing procedures of operation
- Will return to BOE with recommended participants, groups, terms and bylaws for approval

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First Semester High School Exam Schedule

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Fall Semester 2017-2018 High School Exam Schedule

Time	Thursday January 11, 2018	Friday January 12, 2018	Tuesday January 16, 2018	Wednesday January 17, 2018	Thursday January 18, 2018
8:00 – 11:30	1 st period EOC, CTE, NCF, & teacher-made exams	2 nd period EOC, CTE, NCF, & teacher-made exams	3 rd period EOC, CTE, NCF, & teacher-made exams	4 th period EOC, CTE, NCF, & teacher-made exams	Make-up EOC, CTE, NCF, & teacher-made exams
11:30 – 1:30	Continuation of <i>Ample time EOC sessions</i> Bag Lunch & Dismiss	Continuation of <i>Ample time EOC sessions</i> Bag Lunch & Dismiss	Continuation of <i>Ample time EOC sessions</i> Bag Lunch & Dismiss	Continuation of <i>Ample time EOC sessions</i> Bag Lunch & Dismiss	Bag Lunch & Dismiss Make-up EOC, CTE, NCF, & teacher-made exams
1:30 – Regular Dismissal Time *All times are approximations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up NCF & teacher-made exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up NCF & teacher-made exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up NCF & teacher-made exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up NCF & teacher-made exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up EOC, CTE, NCF, & teacher-made exams • Teachers finalize grades, close out semester

Schools may not begin any exam administrations prior to the start of the exam schedule as printed above.

Fall Semester 2017-2018

Gaston Early College Exam Schedule

Time	Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017	Friday, Dec. 15, 2017	Monday, Dec. 18, 2017	Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	3rd period EOC, NCF, & teacher-made exams	2nd period EOC, NCF, & teacher-made exams	4th period EOC, NCF, & teacher-made exams	1st period EOC, NCF, & teacher-made exams •
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Continuation of <i>Ample time EOC sessions</i> Bag lunch and Early Dismiss at 1:05 pm	Continuation of <i>Ample time EOC sessions</i> Bag lunch and Early Dismiss at 1:05 pm	Continuation of <i>Ample time EOC sessions</i> Bag lunch and Early Dismiss at 1:05 pm	Continuation of <i>Ample time EOC sessions</i> Bag lunch and Early Dismiss at 1:05 pm
1:05– 3:45 pm	Make-up EOC, NCF & teacher-made exams • •	Make-up EOC, NCF & teacher-made exams •	Make-up EOC, NCF & teacher-made exams	Make-up EOC, NCF & teacher-made exams

EXAM REVIEW PROCEDURES: All EOC and NC Final Exams teachers must provide Principals with a copy of their exam review material by December 13, 2017. Only material submitted to the Principal prior to the start of exams will be allowed to be used during the review session.

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