



# Gaston County Schools

# Career

# Academy

## **Career Academy at York Chester Middle School**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. What is the purpose of the Career Academy at York Chester Middle School?**

The Career Academy at York Chester Middle School focuses on student exploration in Game Arts and Design (GAD), Design/ Engineering and Robotics, and Business and Technology.
- 2. What are the requirements for admissions to the Academy at York Chester Middle School?**

Students must be in good standing including appropriate attendance, behavior, and academics. The parent/legal guardian must be residents of Gaston County.
- 3. Who can apply to the Career Academy at York Chester Middle School and how are students selected?**

Incoming sixth-grade students may apply. Rising seventh graders may apply with limited seats available.
- 4. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?**

The parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in Gaston County. Students must be in good standing including appropriate attendance, behavior, and academics.
- 5. What will my child gain from this program?**

Students will have the opportunity to take prerequisites for the courses offered at the Career Academy at Hunter Huss. They will gain a deeper knowledge of which pathway they are most interested in. At the Career Academy, students will have multiple opportunities to gain hands-on experience in their pathway.
- 6. What happens after I complete the Career Academy at York Chester Middle School?**

You may apply to the Career Academy at Hunter Huss, which offers these programs: Firefighter Technology, Manufacturing, Health Sciences, Foods, Early Childhood, EMT, Public Service, Construction, Business, Information Technologies, Sports Marketing, and STEM.



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**7. What options are available at the middle school level for the Career Academy at York Chester Middle School?**

Students that participate in some of the prerequisite courses for the Career Academy at York Chester Middle School will be able to take Honors level Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses on the High School level.

**8. What opportunities will be available because of my enrollment in the Career Academy at York Chester Middle School?**

Courses in Digital Design and Animation and/or Game Art Design will allow students to design games, build robots, and use 3D printers. Students get hands-on experience through video production and web design. Students will have an option to participate in an eSports club.

**9. Are there any additional requirements for students in the Career Academy at York Chester Middle School?**

Students must be willing to commit to the Academy's Objectives and extracurricular activities as well as all other school expectations.

**10. What is the earliest I can drop my child off and the latest I can pick up my child?**

7:45 a.m. Drop Off and 3:45 p.m. Pick Up