



GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL



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Freshman Academy

FRESHMAN SEMINAR

The Freshman Seminar is focused on pairing multiple activities and experiences with results of the YouScience Assessment to help equip students with the knowledge and self-awareness necessary to make thoughtful academy/pathway choices that align with their unique strengths and interests.

CAREER EXPLORATION

Career exploration is the process of researching, evaluating, and learning about different work opportunities, job functions, and industries in order to better link personal and professional aspirations with a potential career path. In the Freshman Academy this is done through career talks delivered by guest speakers.

CAREER FAIR

The career fair offers students a unique opportunity to meet local professionals; learn about the practical skills and qualifications required for a specific job; and expand awareness of employment opportunities in fields of interest. Combined with other career exploration activities and assessments, students should be well-equipped to make informed academy and pathway decisions.

PATHWAY SELECTION

The purpose of pathway selection in The 865 Academies model is to provide students with a more focused and specialized educational experience that aligns with their interests, career goals, and aptitudes; it allows students to explore subjects and complete coursework that is either directly aligned or proximally related to their career interests in order to facilitate a successful transition to post-secondary education or the workforce.

DECLARATION CEREMONY

The Declaration Ceremony is the symbolic announcement of a student's academy and pathway decisions.

*Students do have the option to change their pathway one time before graduation.

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

Advanced academics activities are designed to prepare students to pursue advanced academic classes, obtain industry credentials, and/or receive dual enrollment credit through a community college.