

MY PLACE. MY PATH. MY FUTURE.



THE SIX ACADEMIES

Arts & Communication
Business & Entrepreneurship
Engineering & Manufacturing
Health Science
Human Services
Science & Technology
Freshman Academy

SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Students and teachers are organized around areas of interest.



ACADEMIES OF SHAKOPEE

PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with local businesses to provide real-world authentic learning experiences and career exploration activities for students.

CONNECTION

Students are connecting with others who have similar aspirations and teachers who can make meaningful connections to their plans for the future.



OUR ACADEMIES



HUMAN
SERVICES



SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY



ARTS &
COMMUNICATION



BUSINESS &
ENTREPRENEURSHIP



ENGINEERING &
MANUFACTURING



HEALTH
SCIENCE



FRESHMAN
ACADEMY

MY PLACE.

The Academies of Shakopee include six career academies within Shakopee High School. Students enter the Freshman Academy to discover their own unique interests. They then choose a home academy for their sophomore through senior year. Each academy has its own physical location inside the high school, a team of teachers, an academy principal, an Academy Champion, and elective courses tied to their academy career pathways.

FOCUS ON INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION

- Authentic learning
- Personalized learning
- Laptop for every student
- Industry expert curriculum input
- In-depth programs of study
- AP/CIS (College in the Schools) courses available
- State standard core classes infused with academy flavor

MY PATH.

ACADEMY PROGRAMS OF STUDY



- Arts Production and Management
- Media Production and Recording
- Mass Communications
- Creative Design



- Accounting and Finance
- Entrepreneurship and Business Management
- Marketing and Sales
- Hospitality and Restaurant Management



- Architecture and Construction
- Manufacturing and Fabrication Technologies
- Engineering and Design
- Transportation Technologies



- Biomedical science
- Public Health
- Exercise Science
- Healthcare



- Teaching and Educational Services
- Social and Mental Health Services
- Public Service
- Law and Legal Services



- Computer Science
- Information Technology Solutions
- Renewable Energy and Electrical Systems
- Environmental Science



PARTNERSHIPS



Academy Champions have made a commitment to give \$300,000 worth of time, talents and treasures. They give in a variety of ways. Some examples include: professional mentoring, involvement in course development ensuring relevant skills are being taught, sharing industry knowledge, internships, teacher externship, and industry-related equipment donations. Thank you to our generous partners!



**SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON
SIOUX COMMUNITY**



We are a Ford Next Generation Learning Community. Ford NGL is a philanthropic non-profit arm of the Ford Motor Company that has helped many districts over the past 20 years successfully transform their high schools. Ford NGL provides us with professional development and guidance.



PATHWAYS IN OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Exploration is a key component of the Academies of Shakopee. Students, as early as 6th grade, are beginning to explore their interests and plan for their future after high school. Our middle schools are where the beginnings of the academy curriculum shift happened. Elective courses were redesigned and implemented with the goal of students following a course sequence from 6th-12th grade and then graduating from high school with a clear pathway.

After students complete six, quarter-long gateway courses in 6th and 7th grade, they are able to choose electives based on their interests from a specific academy or several academies.



GATEWAY COURSES

Gateway courses are required electives and each are tailored to a specific academy. Students take six, quarter-long gateway courses. Some examples include:

- **Think Tank.** This is a gateway course for the Business & Entrepreneurship Academy. Students design and create a market a product.
- **Teen Engineer.** This is a gateway course for the Engineering & Entrepreneurship Academy. Students design and create projects on a 3D printer.
- **Snack Attack.** This is a gateway course for the Health Science Academy. Students learn about the nutrients of our foods.



MY SABER PLAN

The district is in the process of developing and rolling out My Saber Plan. My Saber Plan is another important tool that will be available for our students (Pre-k through 12th Grade). My Saber Plan is a series of lessons and activities that will help students become more college and/or career ready. At the elementary level, there will be several ways for students to start career exploration from kindergarten through 5th grade. They will also be able to keep track of those interests and skills via My Saber Plan.



ELEMENTARY EXPLORING

Career exploration is already underway in all five of our elementary schools. Our elementary schools develop students for success. Students focus on standards-based framework for learning and individualized, hands-on learning.

They are exposed early to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) and encouraged to be critical thinkers. Plans are in the works at the elementary level to implement a full introduction to career exploration.

The goal is to introduce the concepts of the Academies of Shakopee beginning as early as pre-k.

MY FUTURE.



"I plan to attend a two-year community college, and then become a realtor. The Academies of Shakopee provide the opportunity to take business classes to help prepare me for my career path. I'm learning key skills for life, which has been very helpful. For example, Personal Finance teaches me how to manage money, balance my checking account, all of which will come in handy as a realtor."

Roman Garwood | Business & Entrepreneurship Academy



"Students get the opportunity to explore many different career paths. If they decide that a certain path is not for them then they don't have to take any classes in that path. The Academies of Shakopee really help students decide what they want to do in their future. This can benefit students going into college because they already know what they want to do going out of high school."

Allison Lassiter | Engineering & Manufacturing Academy

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TOURS

We offer customized one-day study visits and 2.5 hour academy model tours. Contact Elizabeth Duehr, Shakopee High School Academy Coach, for more information at eduehr@shakopee.k12.mn.us

PARTNER

The success of the Academies of Shakopee relies upon the knowledge, expertise, input, and volunteerism of industry experts from local community organizations and businesses. Want to get involved? Contact Jenny Ames, Community Partnerships Manager at james@shakopee.k12.mn.us



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