Center Line High School Academies
Set Students on Career Path

Center Line High School is putting students on the path to careers by supplementing classroom instruction with work-place experiences. Center Line students enroll in either the Academy of Health and Human Services (HHS) or the Academy of Industry, Technology, and Innovation (ITI). Both academies offer opportunities for field trips that allow students exposure to on-the-job experiences and interaction with professionals.

Center Line has partnered with Ford’s Next Generation Learning (NGL) to become an NGL Community. The NGL team consists of business professionals from Ford Motor Company, and academies and administrators, from all around the district. This team has developed a plan to address the skilled-trades gap through the academies. With Ford NGL’s assistance, the district hopes to create opportunities and success for all students.

The ITI Academy features classes in Law Enforcement, Firefighting, Emergency Medical Services, Robotics, Life Guarding, and an Educational Career program.

“The goal of the Educational Career Program is to encourage high school students to consider a career in the field of education,” program instructor Jennifer Haugh said. “While in the program, students learn multiple teaching, leadership, and communication skills that they can apply in numerous aspects of their life.”

Senior Gabe Williams feels that the program has solidified his decision to major in education in college. “I've really gotten a chance to experience what it is like to be a teacher,” Williams said. “I feel like this program made me more confident about my career choice.”

The ITI Academy includes FANUC Robotics, Computer Numerical Control (CNC), welding, graphic design, as well as art and business classes. In each academy, students have the opportunity to earn certifications that can lead to employment in their given field.

“Teachers center instruction around project based learning, where students work collaboratively to solve problems and develop ideas related to the content of the class. The classroom projects are designed to give students experiences similar to what they will face when they enter the workforce,” said Denise Pope, a senior lecturer in the field of education.

The academies have made school more engaging for students, and gives them preparation for college and career choices that will come after graduation.

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