



Application for Admission to High School Programs 2019-2020 School Year

Each specialized high school program listed below has a unique application process accessible on each school’s or department’s website. Additionally, application information is also available by contacting the school or department directly. All admission decisions are made using a blind review process (i.e., the person reviewing the application does not have access to student/family directory or demographic information). The information requested below will be used for clerical purposes only and is the first step in the application process for each program.

- GATE Institute (at Procter Hug High School)
- Innovations High School
- North Star Online School
- Signature Academy Program(s)
 - Includes AACT High School
 - Includes International Baccalaureate (at Earl Wooster High School)
- TMCC High School

Step One

Please enter the following information:

*Required

Student’s Legal Last Name*	Student Legal First Name*	Student Email
_____	_____	_____
Student’s WCSD ID Number*	Parent/Guardian Name*	Parent/Guardian Email
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Phone Number*	Parent/Guardian Cell Phone or Secondary Phone	Address*
_____	_____	_____
City*	State*	Zip Code*
_____	_____	_____
	Current Middle School*	Zoned High School*
	_____	_____

Step Two

Please complete the following application pages specific to Washoe County School District’s Signature Academy Programs at each high school and Signature Schools (AACT and Wooster). The entire application is available online @ <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/2256>. A printed version is available by calling 775-327-3945.

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Signature Academy Application

Graduating Class of 2023 ONLY – Current 8th grade students
(Students entering grades 10-12 complete an application at the high school site.)

Please complete the following application pages specific to Washoe County School District's **Signature Academy Programs at each high school** and **Signature Schools (AACT and Wooster)**. Applications should be submitted electronically using the online portal found at <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/2256>. For a printed version, please see your school counselor or call 775-327-3945.

Signature Academies are four-year themed high school programs. Students enter the program in 9th grade and complete a four-year program of study, which includes job shadow, internship, and advanced research opportunities. Each program is designed to engage and motivate students through:

- a rigorous course of study;
- applied curriculum that includes opportunities to earn college credit and industry certifications;
- community partnerships that help students connect school and the real world; and
- leadership activities where students can gain necessary 21st century skills.

Signature School: Wooster High School offers an International Baccalaureate (IB) programs for all students. IB's mission is to create a better world through education by providing a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum that encourages international-mindedness in students and prepares them for a high quality university experience. Through integration of knowledge and skills, along with focus on independent, critical and creative thought, the IB curriculum focuses on educating the whole person in the context of a lifelong journey toward responsible citizenship. Wooster High School IB offers the following programs:

- Middle Years Program (IBMYP)
- Career-related Certificate program (IBCP)
- Diploma or Certificate Program (IBDP)

Signature School: The Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology (AACT) is a career and technical education (CTE) high school for students in grades 9-12 who have a focused career interest. The Academy offers rigorous academic and career curriculum to prepare students to be competitive in both a university and career setting. This includes Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, college-level career curriculum taught by industry professionals, and a focus on developing 21st century skills through service learning, job shadows/internships, and leadership activities. AACT offers the following career pathways:

- Business Management Medical Careers
- Communication Arts & Media Natural Resources & Animal Science
- Culinary & Hospitality
- Education & Training
- Engineering
- Medical Careers
- Natural Resources & Animal Science



Application Deadline: JANUARY 1, 2019

Last Revised: October, 2018

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MINIMUM CRITERIA for SIGNATURE ACADEMY ELIGIBILITY:

Qualification is based on a criteria set by WCSD and is determined by an average of performance in the 7th and 8th grade year. Information to determine eligibility will be taken from WCSD Infinite Campus records.

Students must meet the criteria in EACH of the following areas to be considered eligible*:

- GPA: recommended 2.0 overall GPA in core classes (English, Math, Science, and Social Studies); failing grades are not recommended
- Standardized Test Scores: recommended Meets Standards on standardized tests taken in 7th and 8th grade
- Attendance: Regular school attendance (a minimum 90% is recommended)
- Self-Management: Demonstrations of appropriate self-management abilities

All student qualification is considered provisional, dependent upon final grades, attendance, credit accrual, test scores, and behavior for the 8th grade school year.

**Students who are found ineligible based on the criteria above may request a review of the decision by contacting the WCSD SACTE Department within 45 calendar days of the ineligibility notification mailing date. The full process for requesting this review can be found at www.washoeschools.net/Page/2256 in the Policies & Procedures document (page 4). A hard copy of the process is available by calling 327-3945.*

Note: If you are not currently enrolled in Washoe County School District, please see the last page for additional application requirements.

ADMISSION PROCESS for the 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Submit the Signature Academy Application for admission by January 1, 2019.
- A completed application must include only ONE Signature Academy choice.
- Admission decisions are made using a blind review process.
- A confirmation email will be sent or phone call made from the Department of Signature Academies and Career & Technical Education confirming application receipt.
- An eligibility letter will be mailed and postmarked by January 18th, 2019. This letter will state whether the student meets the **eligibility** requirements to be enrolled in a Signature Academy Program. **THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTANCE LETTER.**
- Students deemed eligible will be considered for available Signature Academy seats. If the number of applicants for a Signature Academy Program exceeds the number of seats in the program, the District will randomly select qualified students to fill the seats (a lottery system). This will occur the first week in February. **Acceptance/Wait List letters** will be mailed and postmarked by February 11th, 2019. For more information about this process, visit www.washoeschools.net/Page/2256 and select "Policies and Procedures."

Notice of Non-Discrimination: The Washoe County School District prohibits bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, sexual harassment, and/or discrimination based on an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, veterans or military status, marital status, political affiliation, or the presence of any sensory, physical or mental disability in any of its educational programs/activities, employment or employment opportunities, or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The District prohibits discrimination against any youth group listed in Title 36, as a patriotic society, (i.e. Boy Scouts of America) from access to public school facilities use. The District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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SIGNATURE ACADEMY AGREEMENTS

Attendance is a Privilege

Read the statement below and initial the box indicating your understanding and agreement.

Enrollment will continue from year to year provided that students continue to meet the grade, credit, attendance and GPA requirements as stated in the guidelines above to be accepted. Students not meeting these requirements will be notified of probationary status and subsequent revocation of attendance privileges, if applicable.

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One Year Commitment

Read the statement below and initial the box indicating your understanding and agreement.

Available spaces in Signature Academies are limited and highly competitive. Students who accept one of the available spaces are required to make a commitment to remain enrolled through the conclusion of the school year. (NOTE: Requests for release from a Signature Academy prior to the end of the commitment period must be submitted in writing through the school counselor and must be reviewed/approved by the Signature Academy Department and Deputy Superintendent's Office.)

One Year Commitment

Transportation

Read the statement below and initial the box indicating your understanding and agreement.

Transportation is provided from/to the nearest high school for Signature Schools ONLY (AACT and Wooster). To access transportation, students/families must provide transportation to and from the nearest high school, as schedules for busses for zoned students will not overlap with Signature School bus schedules to allow for door-to-door service. There is no district sponsored transportation for any other Signature Academy program.

Transportation

Athletic Policy

Read the statement below and initial the box indicating your understanding and agreement.

Student athletes attending a Signature Academy at a school other than their zoned high school are eligible to participate in any sanctioned sub-varsity sport offered at the Signature Academy school as a freshman (NAC 386.787/NRS 386.430). Students must abide by the regulations of the Signature Variance. For these regulations, visit www.washeschools.net/page/2964. Students who are selected to play at the varsity level during the freshman year (including sports that don't offer a sub-varsity level) can petition the Signature Academy Department to be placed on a magnet variance which will allow conditional participation. Conditions of a magnet variance can be found at www.washeschools.net/page/2964.

Athletic Policy

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Signature Academy Selection

Washoe County School District strives to place students in the Signature Academy program of their choice. **Please select the ONE Signature Academy programs that you would MOST like to attend.**

Note: If you are found qualified but seats are not available for this Academy, you will be placed on a waiting list for this Academy and the CTE Department will work with you to identify other programs that could meet your needs.

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| <input type="radio"/> AACT – Communication Arts & Media | <input type="radio"/> AACT – Culinary & Hospitality | <input type="radio"/> AACT – Education & Training |
| <input type="radio"/> AACT - Engineering | <input type="radio"/> AACT – High School of Business | <input type="radio"/> AACT – Medical Careers |
| <input type="radio"/> AACT – Natural Resources & Animal Sciences | <input type="radio"/> Damonte Ranch Performing Arts - Band & Orchestra
<i>*Audition Required</i> | <input type="radio"/> Damonte Ranch Performing Arts – Choir
<i>*Audition Required</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> Damonte Ranch Performing Arts - Dance
<i>*Audition Required</i> | <input type="radio"/> Damonte Ranch Performing Arts – Theater
<i>*Audition Required</i> | <input type="radio"/> Galena S.T.E.M. Academy – PLTW Aerospace and Environmental Engineering |
| <input type="radio"/> Hug Health & Human Services - Culinary/Baking | <input type="radio"/> Hug Health & Human Services - Human Development | <input type="radio"/> Hug Health & Human Services - Sports Medicine |
| <input type="radio"/> McQueen Global Studies – International Studies | <input type="radio"/> McQueen Global Studies - Fine Arts (Music) | <input type="radio"/> McQueen Global Studies – Visual Arts |
| <input type="radio"/> North Valleys Center for Agriculture Science & Engineering - Resource Management | <input type="radio"/> North Valleys Center for Agriculture Science & Engineering - Engineering | <input type="radio"/> Reed Enterprise Project - Biomedical Studies |
| <input type="radio"/> Reed Enterprise Project - Civil & Environmental Engineering | <input type="radio"/> Reed Enterprise Project - Human Services | <input type="radio"/> Reno Red House Project - Red House Project – Digital Arts |
| <input type="radio"/> Spanish Springs Academy - C3 Media | <input type="radio"/> Spanish Springs Academy - Sports Medicine | <input type="radio"/> Sparks Tech Science & Manufacturing – Tech Science |
| <input type="radio"/> Sparks Tech Science & Manufacturing - Manufacturing | <input type="radio"/> Wooster High International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma Programme | <input type="radio"/> Wooster High International Baccalaureate (IB) - IB Career-related Programme |

Please write a brief statement that explains why you want to be part of this Signature Academy and how it will help you reach your goals.

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Sibling Policy

It is the intent of WCSD to avoid separating siblings, when possible. If a sibling is already enrolled in and will be attending the Signature School or Academy to which his/her sibling applies, and the sibling will continue to be enrolled in the Signature School or Academy for the coming school year, WCSD will give a preference to the sibling to attend the Signature School or Academy. To be eligible for the sibling preference, the parent/guardian must submit a Signature Application for the incoming sibling by the annually specified deadline date AND the incoming sibling must be deemed eligible by meeting all admission qualifications and/or requirements.

If you have a sibling in 9th, 10th or 11th grade that is currently enrolled in the Signature academy or school that you selected above, please enter his/her name here (first and last name):

FOR STUDENTS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED in Washoe County School District

The following additional information MUST be submitted prior to the application deadline:

1. Transcript of 7th grade school year and first semester of 8th grade (as soon as available)
2. Discipline and attendance records from 7th grade school year and first semester of 8th grade
3. Most current state standardized test results in Math and Reading (such as CRTs, Iowa Tests, etc.)

Applications will not be processed until all documentation is received. If this occurs after the deadline date, applications will be processed in MARCH as part of the late application process.

Note: If standardized test scores are not available or testing was administered prior to the 7th grade year, the student will be administered an alternate math and/or reading test to be used for application purposes. To sign up for a test date, call the Signature Academy Department at 775-327-3945.

Mail, fax or email this information to:

Washoe County Signature Academy Application

380 Edison Way

Reno, NV 89502

Fax: 775-861-1299

email: tcarr@washoeschools.net

Please attach a note that you have completed an online application