



## Application for Admission to High School Programs 2021-2022 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

### Personal Information

Please enter the following information:

\*Required

Student's Legal Last Name*	Student Legal First Name*	Student's WCSID ID Number*
_____	_____	_____
Current Middle School*	Zoned High School*	Student Email
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Name*	Parent/Guardian Email*	Parent/Guardian Phone Number*
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone or Secondary Phone Number*	Home Address*	City*    State*    Zip Code*
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## Signature Academy Application

Graduating Class of 2025 ONLY – Current 8<sup>th</sup> 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 can be submitted electronically using the online portal found at <https://www.washoeschools.net/SignatureAcademies>.

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



**Application Deadline: JANUARY 1, 2021**

*Last Revised: November 2020*

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### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR SIGNATURE ACADEMY ELIGIBILITY:**

Eligibility for enrollment in a Signature Academy is based on qualifications set by WCSD that demonstrate a student's commitment to academic success, and these are 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; for students not currently enrolled in WCSD, applicants must provide 7th and 8th grade transcripts, behavior records, attendance records, and their most recent standardized test results in Math and Reading to the Signature Academies & CTE Department.

**It is recommended that students are qualified in EACH of the following areas to be eligible for enrollment\*:**

- 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 (no behavior incidents which involved injury to another person, distribution of drugs, or weapons)

*\*Students who are found ineligible based on the qualifications 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/SignatureAcademies](http://www.washoeschools.net/SignatureAcademies) in the Policies & Procedures document (page 4 & 5).*

### **ADMISSION PROCESS for the 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:**

- Submit the Signature Academy Application for admission by January 1, 2021.
- Only one completed application per student which can include only ONE Signature Academy choice. If you need to make any changes to your application or Signature Academy choice, please contact us at [SignaturePrograms@washoeschools.net](mailto:SignaturePrograms@washoeschools.net)
- 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.
- 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). For more information about this process, visit [www.washoeschools.net/SignatureAcademies](http://www.washoeschools.net/SignatureAcademies) 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.*

## 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 qualifications as stated in the guidelines above to be accepted. Students not meeting these qualifications may be placed on academic or behavioral intervention by their Signature Academy school for up to 2 semesters. At the conclusion of the intervention period, students who continue to not meet the minimum recommended qualifications may be removed from their Signature Academy program at the discretion of their school principal.*

Attendance is a Privilege

### 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.washoeschools.net/SignatureAcademies](http://www.washoeschools.net/SignatureAcademies) and select "Policies & Procedures". 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.washoeschools.net/SignatureAcademies](http://www.washoeschools.net/SignatureAcademies) (under "Policies and Procedures" page 5-6).*

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 potentially meet your needs and educational goals.*

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

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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## Application for Admission to High School Programs 2021-2022 School Year

### 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):*

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## 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, Suite 101  
Reno, NV 89502  
Fax: 775-861-1299  
email: [SignaturePrograms@washoeschools.net](mailto:SignaturePrograms@washoeschools.net)

*\*\*Please attach a note that you have completed an online application\*\**