

## **CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY PROGRAM**

Students at Century High School will be engaged in a rigorous academic curriculum with a career theme. This approach will enable them to see the link between what they learn in school and how their learning applies to the workplace and further education. To accomplish this in a smaller learning environment, four career academy programs have been established to provide a more focused program of study for each of our students.

Academy program activities include exploring career interests, incorporating cutting-edge technology, and participating in internships and partnerships with local businesses. Incorporated into all classes will be activities that will guide the development of character and other lifelong skills essential to future success. The curriculum at Century High School is based around four broad career academies which include:

- 1) ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS
- 2) BUSINESS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
- 3) HEALTH, HUMAN, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
- 4) MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

Based on individual interests and guided by the family and school, students will choose an academy and select courses that provide them with opportunities to explore and become knowledgeable about a chosen area or career field.

Century High School operates on a four period day, allowing students to complete up to eight credits per year or thirty-two (32) credits over four years. In most cases, students are able to choose up to seven additional credits outside the graduation requirements. Ninth grade students will choose an academy program during the course selection process in late winter and may begin taking classes in their academy as sophomores. Beginning with the Class of 2004, each student must complete a career academy program by the end of their senior year. Students must earn the twenty-five (25) credits required for graduation by Carroll County Public Schools, which includes six (6) credits in a career academy. These structured programs are designed to help students be better prepared for life after high school.