

# Choosing An Academy



## What are Academies?

- An academy is a **small learning community** inside the high school that focuses and highlights opportunities within a particular **Career Cluster** while continuing to obtain credits necessary for graduation. Think of it as schools within a school.
- The goal is to offer opportunities for students to participate in exploration, conversations, project based learning, and internships that focus on the industries within each academy.
- CHS will be organized into 4 Academies next year. Click [here](#) for more details.
  - **Business & Information Technology**
  - **Arts, A/V Technology & Communication**
  - **Health and Human Services**
  - **STEM and Industrial Sciences**

## Terms I Need to Know

- Jobs and industry are organized nationally into **16 Career Clusters**. Click [here](#) to see big picture.
  - [NM Career Clusters Guide](#)
  - [Guía de los Grupos de las Carreras en Nuevo México](#)
- Inside each Career Cluster, there are **career pathways**. These are designed to help a student decide what electives to take and what order.
- *NM calls courses aligned within a career cluster as a Program of Study*

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- Is the pathway and Academy something I am interested in?
- Will I still enjoy it years from now?
- Does it use my natural skills, talents and abilities?
- Is the pathway something I will have fun learning?
- Will I be able to easily and readily find employment in a related field after earning the certificate or degree?
- Will it be around later in life?
- Will it pay me adequately to have the life I want to live as an adult?