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**Signature Academy General Application for 2014-2015 School Year  
Graduating Class of 2018 Only  
(Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students)**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE DECEMBER 9 , 2013

<http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/staff/high-school-signature-academy>

The application deadline for all Signature Schools and Academies is **FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014.**

Please Note: This application is for Signature Schools (AACT and Wooster) and all Signature Academies. This does not include TMCC High School. Please visit TMCC's websites for their applications.

Please enter the following:

Student's Legal Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Legal First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***If the student is not currently attending a school in Washoe County School District you will need to fill out a "RELEASE OF RECORDS AUTHORIZATION" at the of this application.***

## SECTION ONE: Signature Academy Selection

Please **RANK** your first four choices of signature programs you would like to attend next year.

1=First Choice 2=Second Choice (you are not required to select four)

Rank	Signature Academy	Host School	Does applicant have a sibling currently attending this academy (Yes/No)? If yes, please provide name of sibling.
	Business Management*	Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology (AACT)	
	Communication Arts & Media*	AACT	
	Culinary & Hospitality*	AACT	
	Education*	AACT	
	Engineering*	AACT	
	Medical Careers*	AACT	
	Natural Resources & Animal Science*	AACT	
	Performing Arts Center*	Damonte Ranch HS	
	S.T.E.M. Academy	Galena HS	
	Health Sciences Academy (Medical Pathway)	Proctor Hug HS	
	Global Studies Academy	Robert McQueen HS	
	CASE - Center for Agricultural Science & Engineering (Agricultural Engineering)	North Valleys HS	
	Enterprise Project (Biomedical Studies)	Edward Reed HS	
	Enterprise Project (Culinary Arts)	Edward Reed HS	
	Enterprise Project (Civil & Environmental Engineering)	Edward Reed HS	
	Red House Project	Reno HS	
	C3Media Academy	Spanish Springs HS	
	Information Technology Academy	Sparks HS	
	International Baccalaureate Diploma*	Earl Wooster HS	
	International Baccalaureate CC Sustainable Resources	Earl Wooster HS	

**\*Please Note:** Students applying to academies with an \* will have additional obligations to fulfill. You will be notified in writing of these obligations and dates. AACT will have onsite interviews, Damonte Performing Arts Center will have auditions for drama on 1/18/14 and music 1/25/14. Wooster IB program will have an additional essay.

## SECTION TWO: Essay Question

In one paragraph, explain why you want to attend the specific Signature Academy(s) to which you are applying and why you think this program will help you achieve your goals after high school. Attach essay to application.

## SECTION THREE: Readiness Criteria

The Signature Academies look for specific attributes when screening applicants. The qualities are based on research regarding success in a career academy program or school. Your honesty will allow us to best meet your needs should you be accepted.

**Are you ready?** Please check **yes** or **no**.

- Yes  No 1. Did you have 80-90% attendance during 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade school year?
- Yes  No 2. Do you have a clean disciplinary record for the past 1-1/2 years, including NO suspensions?
- Yes  No 3. Do you take responsibility for your academic behavior and success?
- Yes  No 4. Do you read and comprehend at your grade level?
- Yes  No 5. Do you write proficiently, as determined by Nevada CRTs, HSPEs, or by receiving As, Bs, and Cs in non- modified grade-level English classes?
- Yes  No 6. Have you been enrolled in **regular academic** (non-modified, non-remedial) courses in the past year?
- Yes  No 7. Do you currently have a 2.0 or better GPA?
- Yes  No 8. Do you organize your school work and homework without assistance?
- Yes  No 9. Do you complete your school work and homework on time and completely?
- Yes  No 10. Are you a good time manager who can handle an increased class schedule and challenging work load?
- Yes  No 11. Do you demonstrate mature social behavior and self-control such that you could blend into a college or work-like environment?
- Yes  No 12. Do you demonstrate thoughtful decision-making and take responsibility for your actions?
- Yes  No 13. Do you demonstrate appropriate and respectful behavior with adults?
- Yes  No 14. Do you demonstrate appropriate and respectful behavior with your peers?
- Yes  No 15. Do you have the ability to manage a rigorous high school curriculum that includes classes and performance-based grading?

**Please explain each "no" answer from above. Attach statement to application.**

## **SECTION FOUR: RECOMMENDATIONS**

Three recommendations are required: One from a counselor; one from a core academic teacher; and one from a teacher of your choice. These recommendations should be completed by people who currently work with you and who know you well enough to speak to your interests and abilities. A recommendation survey can be completed on-line. See your counselor for flyer to give to the teachers who you would like to complete this survey for you.

The on-line survey is located on the Washoe County School District web page under the Signature Academy & CTE link.

<http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/staff/high-school-signature-academy>

## **PART FIVE: SUCCESS STATEMENT**

All of our Signature Academies believe in student success and make a commitment to support our students in every way that they can. We also believe that it takes a commitment from the student and parent(s) to achieve this success. Please sign below that you support your child's interest in attending this program, and that you have read the following Basic of Understandings and variance athletic guidelines.

In a Signature School or Signature Academy, the following Basic Understandings apply:

### **MINIMUM CRITERIA:**

Acceptance is based on a criteria set by the district. All accepted students are provisionally accepted, dependent upon their final grades, attendance, credit accrual, CRT scores, and behavior for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade school year.

Acceptance basic criteria:

- 2.0 overall GPA, no Fs
- Meets standards on 7<sup>th</sup> grade CRT scores
- Regular school attendance (90%, all reasons included)
- Demonstrations of appropriate self-management abilities (no discipline events).

### **ATTENDANCE IS A PRIVILEGE:**

Acceptance is a privilege and is for one school year only. Enrollment will continue from year to year provided that students continue to meet the grade, credit, GPA, and behavior requirements as stated in the guidelines to be accepted. Students not meeting these requirements will be notified of probationary status and subsequent revocation of attendance privileges, if applicable.

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

Transportation is provided from/to the nearest high school for Signature Schools (AACT and Wooster). Students/families will need to provide transportation to and from the nearest high school, as schedules will not overlap to allow for door-to-door service. There is no district sponsored transportation for all Signature Academies.

**ONE YEAR COMMITMENT:**

Available spaces in Signature Academies are limited and highly competitive. Students and parents accepting one of those available spaces are required to make a commitment to remain enrolled through the conclusion of the enrolled school year.

**ATHLETIC POLICY:**

Student athletes attending a Signature Academy at a school other than their zoned high school are eligible to participate in any sanctioned sport offered at that school (NAC 386.787/NRS 386.430).

Students must abide by the regulations of the Signature Variance, which include:

- Students must maintain full enrollment in the plan of study designated by the Signature Academy and associated Signature Program with which they are affiliated. Enrollment will be reviewed annually.
- Students must continue to meet the requirements of participation in the Signature Academy and associated Signature Program.
- Student athletic participation is limited to the sanctioned sports offered by the school the student is attending.

If a Signature Variance is revoked or a student opts to leave the Signature Academy:

- Students who elect to return to the zoned school will lose athletic eligibility for the remainder of the school year in which the transfer occurs and for an addition 180 school days for any other sport in which the student’s name appeared on a varsity NIAA roster (NAC 386.786).
- Students who are removed from a Signature Academy but have approval from administration to stay at the school in which the Signature Academy exists (which is not the students’ school or residence) will revert to a “standard variance” and must complete 180 days of ineligibility for any NIAA sanctioned sport at the varsity level of competition (NAC 386.784).
- Students who leave from a Signature Academy in which they were granted a Signature Variance and apply and are accepted to a different Signature Academy located outside of their zone of residence will be placed on a standard variance and will lose athletic eligibility for 180 school days for any sport in which their name appeared on a varsity NIAA roster (NAC 386.786).

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Checklist

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Requirements</b>
	Completed information form with parent/guardian signature
	<i>Signed release of record authorization (new students to WCSD <u>only</u>)</i>
	Application Part One: Signature Academy Selection
	Application Part Two: Essay
	Application Part Three: Readiness Criteria Survey
	Application Part Four: Have you asked 3 adults to fill out survey?
	Application Part Five: Success Statement signed by parent & student

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** Washoe County School District does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age, and that they provide equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the non-discrimination policies, contact Byron Green, Area Superintendent, at 425 E. Ninth St, Reno, NV 89512; (775)789-4604.

## APPLICATION DUE DATE:

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014.**

Applications received after this date will not be process until after February 1, 2014 and qualified students could be placed at the bottom of a wait list for their signature academy request.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION, PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS TO:

Option #1: Your current school counselor

Option #2: By mail to Washoe County Signature Academy Applications, 380 Edison Way, Reno, NV, 89502

Option #3: Fax to 775-861-1299

## RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS

**THIS SECTION ONLY NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE ENROLLING IN WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND CANNOT PROVIDE A CURRENT TRANSCRIPT.**

**IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT TRANSCRIPT, PLEASE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION**

### Release of Records Authorization

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby authorize the release of my child's academic and attendance records to a representative of Washoe County School District.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_