

LEE COUNTY
SCHOOLS
CAREER ACADEMIES

What are career academies?

Lee County Schools Career Academies, in partnership with the parents and community, are committed to preparing students for service and leadership in the hospitality and tourism, engineering and finance industries. Our mission is to **ENCOURAGE** achievement and social responsibilities, **ENGAGE** students through real---world experiences, and **ENABLE** students to grow and be versatile amidst industry change.

National Academy Foundation (naf.org)

Lee County Career Academies work with the National Academy Foundation

The National Academy Foundation (NAF) has more than 565 academies across 38 states and includes more than 70,000 students. NAF celebrates a 96% graduation rate among its students as a result of the collaboration of dedicated educators, business partners and hard---working students.

NAF is a leader in the movement to prepare young people for college and career success.

NAF has refined a proven educational model, which includes:

- Industry---focused curriculum
- Work---based learning experiences
- Community business partner involvement

Benefits of being an academy student:

1. PAID internships available for students during their senior year
2. Opportunity to take college courses at Central Carolina Community College
3. Academy students can also earn 1---year certificates at CCCC including:
 - a. Tax Payers Certificate
 - b. Culinary Certificate
 - c. Social Media Marketing Certificate
4. Advisory Board consisting of local business leaders who will advise both teachers and students to ensure that the academies are successful

Students in the academy also have the opportunity to receive NAF Track Certification.

This is a partnership with major companies including AT&T, Cisco, HP, JP Morgan Chase, KPMG, Verizon, Xerox and many more!

The NAF Track Certification provides:

- College internship opportunities
- Guaranteed interviews with these companies after college
- Priority hiring among equally qualified applicants
- Potential higher starting salary and much more!

The **Academy of Engineering** answers a need for engineers in this country by educating high school students in the principles of engineering, and providing content in the fields of electronics, biotech, aerospace, civil engineering, and architecture. Lee County Schools Academy of Engineering uses curriculum from Paxton/Patterson, an industry leader in providing engineering curriculum to high school students.

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Foundations of Engineering and Technology I Drafting I	Foundations of Engineering and Technology II Drafting II – Engineering	Applications of Engineering and Technology Drafting III – Engineering	CCCC Courses CTE Advanced Studies (Autodesk Certified User and Solidworks)
Certifications and Honors Earned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certified Solidworks Associate - Autodesk Certified User - Career Readiness Certificate (WorkKeys) - Community College Articulation Credit - CCCC College Certificate 		Academy of Engineering Cohorted Courses: Students in the Academy of Engineering will also take the following core courses as a group and the teachers will connect these courses with the engineering curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Math - Science Suggested Electives – Carpentry and Microsoft Office	
Extra Curricular Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manufacturing Days - Behind the Scenes at Great Wolf/Carolina Hurricanes/Pinehurst - College Tours - Job Shadowing and Internships and much more!!			

For more information, please go to the following websites:
<https://www.lee.k12.nc.us/Page/21843> – click on career academies
naf.org – click on about NAF



The **Academy of Finance** connects high school students with the world of financial services and personal finance, offering a curriculum that covers banking and credit, financial planning, global finance, securities, insurance, accounting, and economics. The Academy of Finance curriculum and certification is being validated by the [Council for Economic Education](#).

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Principles of Finance (1/2 credit course) Entrepreneurship (1/2 credit course)	Financial Services (1/2 credit course) Financial Planning (1/2 credit course)	Insurance (1/2 credit course) Ethics in Business (1/2 credit course)	Business in a Global Economy (1/2 credit course) Applied Finance (1/2 credit course)
Certifications and Honors Earned: --- Quickbooks (LCHS ONLY) --- Microsoft Office Specialist --- Adobe (at Lee County High School) --- Career Readiness Certificate (Work Keys) --- Community College Articulation Credit --- CCC College Certificate		Academy of Finance Cohorted Courses: Students in the Academy of Finance will also take the following core courses as a group and the teachers will connect these courses with the business and finance curriculum: --- Math --- Social Studies	
Extra Curricular Activities: --- --- Downtown Raleigh Business Experience --- Job Shadowing with local businesses ...and much more!!			

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The **Academy of Hospitality & Tourism** helps students chart career paths in one of the world's largest industries, from hotel management to sports, entertainment, and event management, and includes the study of geography, economics, and world cultures. The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism curriculum has received industry validation from the [Global Travel and Tourism Partnership](#) (GTTP) and The [Institute of Travel & Tourism](#) (ITT). Additionally, GTTP and the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism offer a joint certification.

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Principles of Hospitality and Tourism (1/2 credit course) Delivering Great Customer Service (1/2 credit course)	Geography for Tourism (1/2 credit course) Business Ethics (1/2 credit course)	Sports and Event Marketing (1/2 credit course) Hospitality Marketing (1/2 credit course)	Sustainable Tourism (1/2 credit course) Principles of Finance (1/2 credit course)
Certifications and Honors Earned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- Hospitality and Pride Certification from NCSU --- Certification in Customer Service --- ServSafe® (culinary industry) --- Career Readiness Certificate (Work Keys) --- Community College Articulation Credit --- CCCC College Certificate 		Academy of Hospitality & Tourism Cohorted Courses: Students in the Academy of Finance will also take the following core courses as a group and the teachers will connect these courses with the hospitality & tourism curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- English --- Social Studies • Suggested Electives: Accounting I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Word/ PPT 	
Extra Curricular Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- Field trip to Great Wolf Lodge --- Behind the Scenes at Carolina Hurricanes --- Temple Theatre / Hawkins House --- Downtown Raleigh Business Experience ...and much more!!			

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<https://southernleeaht.weebly.com/>

<https://www.lee.k12.nc.us/Page/21843>

naf.org – More about NAF