

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 include 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 Cert.
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
- 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 – Architectural	Applications of Engineering and Technology Drafting III – Architectural	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 	

For more information, please go to the following websites:

leecountycareertech.org – 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 Finance	Financial Services	Business Economics	Business in a Global Economy
Financial Planning	Insurance	Ethics in Business	Applied Finance
Microsoft Word/PPT	Microsoft Excel/Access		
	Accounting 1 (Quickbooks)		
Certifications and Honors Earned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quickbooks - Microsoft Office Specialist - Adobe (at Lee County High School) - Career Readiness Certificate (Work Keys) - Community College Articulation Credit - CCCC 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 engineering curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Math - Social Studies 	

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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 Delivering Great Customer Service	Geography for Tourism Business Ethics	Sports and Event Marketing Hospitality Marketing	Sustainable Tourism Entrepreneurship
Certifications and Honors Earned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Retail Federation 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 engineering curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English - Social Studies 	

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