

Dear Parents:

Due to recent changes in the requirements for the Teaching Academy for next year, your son/daughter may be eligible to apply for the Teaching Academy. The new requirements include next year's juniors, as well as seniors. Also, the attendance requirements will be 90% now for the semester before applying. The GPA requirement of 3.0 or higher, application with an essay as to why they want to be a part of the academy, and two teacher recommendations will remain the same. Students need to have good behavior and follow school rules. If the student doesn't meet all criteria but is interested, he or she should talk to Mrs. Lenzo in rooms 102 or 103. If the student is in another high school, he or she can call or email Mrs. Lenzo to set up an appointment to discuss the application.

As students begin signing up for courses for next year, it is important for them to make choices that help them be successful beyond high school. We have the Teaching Academy at Brunswick High School with the Intro to Teaching course at BHS and a field experience in a feeder school with an experienced teacher. This would include elementary, middle, or high school, depending on the student's grade level of interest. This is a course of study that will help your son/daughter in college, whether they become an educator or not.

Students can learn leadership skills, college test taking skills, portfolio development, besides what it is like to become an educator in the future. Often students begin college with no real direction of what they want to do. Being a part of the Teaching Academy lets students experience at the high school level a taste of a career that is rewarding and in high demand. This can also save money by the student not changing majors at the college level, because they have focused at the high school level. If you are interested in more information, call me at 240-236-8564 or email me at Joyce.Lenzo@fcps.org. Your son/daughter can see me in Rooms 102 or 103 at Brunswick High School or his/her guidance counselor for more information on this exciting opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you and having your son/daughter in the Teaching Academy.

Sincerely yours,

Joyce Lenzo
Teaching Academy Director