

Dear Guidance Counselors and Administrators:

Since you are getting ready for registration for next year, I want to encourage you to inform your sophomores and juniors of the fantastic opportunity they have for their junior or senior years. The Teaching Academy at Brunswick High School is one that is unique in Frederick County. It gives the student at the high school level an opportunity to learn about the profession of teaching. In the “Intro to Teaching” course students learn about:

- Teaching Professions
- Human Growth and Development
- Educational Theorists
- Technology & Communications
- Classroom Management & Guidance
- Curriculum & Instruction
- History of Schooling (Schools & Society)
- Professional Development
- Community & Parent Relationships

They, also, do observations of experienced teachers within the building to see different forms of pedagogy. They see how every educator is unique in teaching, as well as how they cover the curriculum for their particular courses. They develop lessons for students at every age level, so they can get an idea of what they want to teach. They will develop a portfolio.

As long as they have met the requirements in the Intro to Teaching course, they can do a field experience in a school in their feeder schools. During this experience, they will do observations of the class they are assigned, plan and teach in the classroom as their cooperating teachers see they are ready, and will continue work on their portfolio, using the INTASC principles.

As you can see, this is a unique and fantastic opportunity for any junior or senior student with an interest in becoming an educator. In addition to all of the above they learn leadership skills, critical thinking skills, organization skills, and confidence. All of these are important to their success in the future no matter what they decide as the best career for themselves. To participate in this program the student must apply to the Teaching Academy, have a 3.0 GPA, have a 90% attendance for the previous semester, write a 300 word essay as to why they want to be a part of the academy and have two recommendations from teachers in their home high school that they would be good candidates for the program.

Included are posters, applications, and flyers for those interested. If you have further questions, you can contact me at 240-236-8564 or [Joyce.Lenzo@fcps.org](mailto:Joyce.Lenzo@fcps.org) and I will return your call or email, as soon as possible. I hope you will find this a beneficial experience for your students. We need the best teachers for continued success of FCPS.

Sincerely yours,

Joyce L. Lenzo  
Teaching Academy Director