



Bridges Career Academies Benefits for Students

1) Supports Individualized Learning Plans

Bridges Academy courses are organized in specific career pathways. Courses integrate academic and technical skills with hands-on learning. Students select Academy courses based on career aspirations.

2) Practical Learning Opportunities

Bridges Academies provide practical learning opportunities within the course work. Students gain transferable skills that can be used beyond the school day. (For example, students in a Welding Academy use technical skills to repair snowmobiles or four-wheelers. Students in a culinary Academy can use team building skills in a community project).

3) Career Advancement

Bridges Academies provide students with information about their chosen career pathway. Students develop an understanding of career progression and are exposed to personalized experiences within the "world of work."

4) Integrated Learning

Academy courses provide integrated learning combining technical, academic and employability skills essential to specific career pathways. (For example, Robotic Academy students learn electronics needed to design a robot, mathematics to complete design calculations, writing strategies to record design elements and work as a member of a design team.

5) Recognition

Students who complete an Academy will be recognized at their high school with an Academy certificate and a green honor cord.

6) College Credit

Some Academies include courses that receive college credit. These courses provide opportunities for credit advancement and/or transfer to a post-secondary program.

7) Business and Industry Partnerships

All Bridges Academies provide students with opportunities to engage with business and industry.