

# WHAT IS THE SUCCESS ACADEMY?

The Success Academy is the newest educational environment in Willoughby-Eastlake, modeled to inspire learning in students who are not typically motivated in a traditional classroom setting. This year the program has fourteen students in grade seven. Each year, a new seventh grade class will be added until the academy serves students in grades seven through ten. As seventh graders, students have opportunities to investigate career preparatory fields available to them during high school. Students will participate in a blended learning model integrating classroom instruction and online learning. By the end of their sophomore year, students will have completed introductory phases of career exploration.



Currently, Success Academy students are utilizing construction management skills while partnering with Hach-Otis Sanctuary, an 81-acre forested tract overlooking the scenic Chagrin River Valley located in Willoughby Hills. This preserve has been protected as a bird sanctuary since 1944 and was dedicated as an interpretive nature preserve in 1977. The students are replacing the rotting boards of the boardwalk one at a time.

While in a real-world setting, students have opportunities to practice skills such as measuring, rough framing techniques using a plumb, square and level and learn to work as a member of a team.

During their junior and senior years, Success Academy students will prepare to participate in college-preparatory courses, enroll in general high school courses or complete a career technical program of their choosing. The technical programs that are currently available to them include: Allied Health, Auto Collision, Auto Services, Business Administration and Management, Business Technology, CAD/Engineering Technology, CISCO Networking Technology, CNC Manufacturing Technology, Computer Information Systems (CIS), Construction Management, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Health Information Management, Hospitality and Lodging, Information Technology Systems, Interactive Media, Job Training Program, Licensed Practical Nursing, Production Welding, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Medical Assisting, Welding and Visual Communications. The programs offered to Willoughby-Eastlake students are innovative and engaging opportunities.

