



# Mobile County PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Signature Academies

*Multiple Pathways to  
College and Career Readiness*

### ■WHAT IS A SIGNATURE ACADEMY?

A unique academic or career program offered at only one high school within the district. Students from throughout the district who are interested in enrolling in the program will have the opportunity to apply for enrollment in the Signature Academy.

### ■WHAT ARE MULTIPLE PATHWAYS?

Multiple pathways within each Signature Academy offer opportunities for students of varying levels of academic performance to participate in the Signature Academy to become College and Career Ready. For example, within the Health Career Access Program, Blount's Signature Academy, there are pathways for students to ready themselves for a college-bound health career (i.e. physician, registered nurse), or a career-bound health career (i.e. licensed practical nurse, certified nurse assistant).

### ■ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK-BASED LEARNING? YES!

With the assistance of Advisory Council members, Signature Academies will offer:

- Paid and unpaid internships
- Job shadowing
- Workplace tours
- Worksite training
- Business mentors

### ■HOW CAN MY STUDENT APPLY TO ATTEND A SIGNATURE ACADEMY?

The Signature Academy Student Application is posted on the MCPSS website. Students who are not zoned to attend the aforementioned schools should return their completed application to their guidance counselor before April 1, 2014. Students who wish to attend their zoned school do not need to complete the application.

### ■WILL MY STUDENT NEED A TRANSFER TO ATTEND A SIGNATURE ACADEMY?

Students who are accepted into a Signature Academy will be required to apply for a transfer through Student Services. Signature Academy students who fail to comply with the Signature Academy Admissions Agreement will return to their zoned high school. Students who wish to attend their zoned school do not need a transfer.

### MCPSS SIGNATURE ACADEMIES

#### *Blount High*

Health Career Access Program

#### *Bryant High*

Coastal Studies Academy

#### *Citronelle High*

Manufacturing, Industry and Technology

#### *Montgomery High*

Academy of Teaching and Learning

#### *Murphy High*

Academy of International Studies

#### *Rain High*

Aviation and Aerospace Academy

#### *Theodore High*

Industry and Engineering

#### *Vigor High*

Advanced Information Technology

#### *Williamson High*

Maritime, Engineering  
and Entrepreneurship

### ACADEMY COMPONENTS

- Rigorous, relevant instruction, inside and outside of the classroom
- Engaging, hands-on activities
- Real world application of learning
- Exposure to careers and formation of business partnerships
- Student opportunity to choose pathways based on a wide range of interests

### SPECIAL FEATURES OF SIGNATURE ACADEMIES

- Student choice to support a wide range of interests
- A sense of community and connectedness
- Relevant instruction inside and outside the classroom
- Career exposure and preparedness