

Signature Academy General Application for 2012-2013 School Year

The application deadline for all Signature Academies is **Friday, February 10, 2012**.

This application is also available online at <http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/staff/high-school-signature-academy/application>. Post-deadline applications may be accepted through May 15 on an Academy-by-Academy basis if space is available.

Please Note: This application is **ONLY** for Signature Academies, not for AACT HS, TMCC HS or Wooster's IB Program. Please visit those schools' websites for their respective applications.

All responses may either be typed or printed clearly in ink.

**Please complete these forms and any supplemental materials and return to:
Washoe County School District, Innovations Department,
425 E Ninth St Room A-117A, Reno, NV 89520,
or email to SignatureAcademies@washoeschools.net.
Current WCSD students may also submit all documents to their middle school counselor.**

Student's Legal Last Name(s): _____

Student's Legal First Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Gender: _____

Current Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Current School: _____

Is the student currently attending a school in WCSD? (please check one)

Yes No (current transcript or record release authorization will be required)

Name of Zoned High School (if known): _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Last Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian First Name(s): _____

Email (if available): _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Check here if same address as student: ____ (please skip to signature line if checked)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature is required: _____

THIS SECTION ONLY NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE ENROLLING IN WCSD FOR THE FIRST TIME AND CANNOT PROVIDE A CURRENT TRANSCRIPT.

Release of Records Authorization

Name of Current School: _____

Name of Current School District: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

School Telephone: _____

Principal Name: _____

I hereby authorize the release of my child's academic and attendance records to a representative of Washoe County School District.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This page is to be completed by the student/applicant

Application Part One: Signature Academy Selection

Please place a check mark next to each Signature Academy to which you are submitting an application. If you are applying to more than one, you will need to submit a separate statement of interest for each.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signature Academy	Host School	Does applicant have a sibling currently attending this academy (Yes/No)? If yes, please provide name of sibling.
	The Performing Arts Center (Theater/Dance)*	Damonte Ranch HS	
	Health Sciences Academy	Procter Hug HS	
	Global Studies Academy	Robert McQueen HS	
	H.O.P.E. Academy	Edward Reed HS	
	S.T.A.R.S. CTE Academy	Edward Reed HS	
	Red House Project	Reno HS	
	Cougar Media Arts & Communications Academy	Spanish Springs HS	
	Microsoft IT Academy of Excellence	Sparks HS	
	Wooster Sustainable Resources Academy	Earl Wooster HS	

***Please Note:** Students applying to The Performing Arts Center must complete an audition. Please contact Staci Bauman (SBauman@washoeschools.net) for dance auditions, or Rod Hearn (RHearn@washoeschools.net) for theater auditions. The first class of instrumental and choral music students will be in August 2013 (please hold off applying until fall 2012) and auditions will be conducted in December 2012.

Application Part Two: Short-Answer Questions

1. Which post-secondary options are you considering? (Check any that apply. This question is used for data purposes only and is not a deciding factor for admission to an Academy.)

- Technical School Community College Apprenticeship
 University Military Service Other (please explain): _____
 Job/Working Undecided _____

2. Please list any current extracurricular activities (including school clubs, sports, or part-time jobs) or volunteer work that you participate in.

Application Part Three: Essay Questions

On a separate piece of paper, please answer each of the following questions in 250 words or less. Typed answers are preferred, but handwritten answers in ink will be accepted.

- Tell us why you want to attend the specific Signature Academy to which you are applying.
- Describe your favorite memory of Middle School. What happened and why is it your favorite?

Recommendation Form

Students: Please ask an adult at school who knows you well and can speak to your interests to complete this form. You need two (2) recommendations (H.O.P.E. Academy applicants need three (3)). You may photocopy this page if needed. Please complete the information in the section below.

Student's Name: _____

Current School: _____

Signature Academies I am applying to (list all): _____

Recommending Adults: Please seal this form (2 sides) in an envelope and return to Innovations Department, WCSD Administration Building, 425 E Ninth Street, Room A117-A, Reno, NV 89520. WCSD employees may use the interoffice mail system. *This form is also available on the Signature Academy website as a fillable .pdf that may be emailed to SignatureAcademies@washoeschools.net.*

Recommender: _____

Title/Position: _____

I. INITIAL REFERENCE COMMENT:

The student named above is applying to the Signature Academy listed above. All Signature Academies are four-year courses of study with curriculum concentrated in a specific topic area.

- Do you recommend this student for participation in this program?**

Definitely
 Some Concerns
 Not recommended

II. ACADEMIC RATINGS:

Please rate the student on the following factors, from 1 (low) to 5 (high). Please circle your choice.

Motivation to learn	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Overall attendance	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Completes assignments on time	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know

III. CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY RATINGS:

Please rate the student on the following factors, from 1 (low) to 5 (high). Please circle your choice.

Shows respect towards adults	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Respected by peers/others	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Reacts well to setbacks	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Demonstrates leadership	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Respects other students	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Demonstrates organizational skills	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Takes initiative	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Displays concern for others	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Accepts positive criticism well	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Possesses a positive attitude	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
Displays intellectual curiosity	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know

Please comment on the student's academic characteristics and/or character (i.e. maturity, integrity, values).

Do you think this student will benefit from being a part of a Signature Academy? Why or why not?

We have a limited number of industry and community mentors who could help provide additional guidance and support for students who may struggle in a Signature Academy. Do you think this student would benefit from mentorship? In what area(s) does he/she need mentoring?

Is there any additional information that the selection committee should consider in its selection process concerning this student?

Recommending Adult Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application Checklist

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requirements
	Completed information form with parent/guardian signature
	<i>Copy of transcript, or signed release of record authorization (new students to WCSD <u>only</u>)</i>
	<i>Audition (applicants to The Performing Arts Center at Damonte Ranch HS <u>only</u>)</i>
	Application Part One: Signature Academy Selection
	Application Part Two: Two (2) Short Answer Questions
	Application Part Three: Two (2) Essay Questions
	Recommendation #1
	Recommendation #2
	<i>Recommendation #3 (H.O.P.E. Academy applicants <u>only</u>)</i>

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012**.

POST-DEADLINE APPLICATIONS MAY BE ACCEPTED THROUGH MAY 15, 2012 ON AN ACADEMY-BY-ACADEMY BASIS, BUT ONLY IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.

FOR CURRENT WCSD STUDENTS: PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS TO:

Option #1: Your current counselor

Option #2: By mail to Innovations Department, WCSD Administration Building, 425 E Ninth St, Room A117-A, Reno, NV 89520

Option #3: By email to SignatureAcademies@washoeschools.net

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