



Green Mountain High School FAQ

1. What do I get when I complete a Pathway in the Academy Program?

- Students earn an endorsement in specific pathways
- Endorsements are Academy Endorsement; Academy Endorsement with Honors, or Renaissance Endorsement (multiple pathways)
- For an Honors or Renaissance Endorsement students must also complete a Senior Capstone Project.
- Endorsements are listed on the student's transcript and students wear special cords or pins in the graduation ceremony. The endorsement is also listed in the Graduation Program.

2. Do I have to start my Pathway(s) as a freshmen?

- No, the Pathways are designed for flexibility and to allow students to start a pathway any time.
- While the Pathways are formatted similar to college majors, they are not more than 4 credits and allow for students to complete multiple Pathways while in high school.
- The Pathways allow for a lot of choice of courses so students can explore multiple avenues within a Pathway.
- Completing Pathway(s) allows opportunities for students to delve lightly or in depth into particular fields as their interests guide them.

3. Can I have more than one Pathway?

- Yes, the Pathways are designed so students can complete multiple Pathways of their choosing.

4. How do I know which Pathways are available and which courses to take?

- GMHSRAMs.org>Academics>Academy provides links to all of our Pathways.
- GMHSRAMs.org>Academics>Course Registration provides a link to our full Course Catalog with course descriptions, pre-requisites and more.
- Our Academy Booklet is available in the Counseling Office that provides detailed information about the Academy Program and Pathways.

5. Are Academy Pathways required?

- Completing a pathway in the Academy Program is not a requirement. All students who graduate from GMHS earn a Jefferson County Diploma.
- Students who are not completing a pathway can take any Academy courses.
- Approximately 70% of students complete a pathway.

6. What is the difference between an Academy and a Pathway?

GMHS offer four Academies: Arts, Humanities & Performance; Business & Global Studies; Health & Human Services; and STEM. Each Academy provides multiple Pathways that students can earn an endorsement with their diploma and pathway completion is part of the student's transcript.

7. When should I do a Career Shadow?

- Career Shadows are strongly recommended for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- Mrs. Poole who volunteers in the Future Center is happy to assist students in finding Career Shadow experiences. There are certain expectations as far as appropriate dress, thank you notes, and behaviors that she will go over with students before embarking on a Career Shadow.
- A Career Shadow is typically a day or a half day. They can be completed during school, weekends, of school breaks.
- Career Shadows are great to prepare students for internships. Career Shadows are not credit bearing although they are impressive on a resume or transcript.

8. When can I do an Internship?

- Internships are strongly recommended for juniors and seniors.
- Mrs. Poole who volunteers in the Future Center is happy to assist students in finding Internships. She will ask the student what their career interests are and find a sponsor in the career field to host the internship.
- Internships do require a resume and some additional preparation that we provide.
- You can earn elective credit for Internships depending on the length of the experience.