

# The Academy @Shawnee

An Aerospace & Energy Technology School

1. What is happening to Shawnee High School?

In 2010-11, Shawnee High School becomes The Academy @ Shawnee and evolves into a new JCPS school serving students in grades K-12.

2. Why K-12?

Transitions from elementary school to middle school and from middle school to high school often are traumatic to students and families. By eliminating the transitions, continuity is preserved as relationships between the school, the students, and the families exist over thirteen years! The school becomes the community center, a one-stop shop for educational, social, and developmental needs. A growing body of research shows significant positive impact of such models, especially for families that need a little help.

3. Has this been done elsewhere?

Across the country there are models of schools with extended grade spans (K-12, K-8, 6-12, and others). One of the most discussed examples is the Harlem Children's Zone created by Geoffrey Canada. An internet search for this example will yield much more information.

4. How will the change occur?

The change will occur incrementally, as new grades are added each year.

- In 2010-11, The Academy @ Shawnee will enroll students in grades 9-12.
- In 2011-12, The Academy @ Shawnee will enroll students in grades K-5 and 9-12.
- In 2012-13, The Academy @ Shawnee will enroll students in grades K-6 and 9-12.
- And so on . . . . .

5. What happens to students currently enrolled at Shawnee High School?

The current students will be 'grandfathered in,' meaning they will stay and be part of The Academy @ Shawnee.

6. How will new students enroll at The Academy @ Shawnee?

Students in the Shawnee resides area are granted a dual-resides assignment. This means they have two 'home schools,' one being The Academy @ Shawnee and the other being another JCPS high school. Resides students, with their families' guidance, will have the option to attend The Academy @ Shawnee or the other high school to which they have been assigned through the JCPS Student Assignment Plan for The Academy @ Shawnee effective fall of 2010.

If this is confusing, you can go to the JCPS website ([www.jcpsky.net](http://www.jcpsky.net)) and look for "School Finder" under the parent page. Enter your address and the site will show your school options.

7. What about students who do not live in the resides area of The Academy @ Shawnee? How can they enroll?

Students, anywhere in the district, who want to take part in the Aviation programs of Flight or Maintenance may apply to The Academy @ Shawnee through the JCPS Choices booklet.

Students who live in "Network 3" (home schools of Atherton, Ballard, Eastern, or Waggener) that want an engineering program and indicate so in the JCPS Choices booklet will enroll at The Academy @ Shawnee.

8. Will the district provide transportation to The Academy @ Shawnee?

Yes. All students enrolling at The Academy @ Shawnee will be provided transportation except those students who enroll via a "Student Transfer" from areas outside of the network.

9. My daughter is a star athlete. If she applies and is accepted to The Academy @ Shawnee, will she be able to compete on the varsity level for *The Academy*?

Yes. The governing body of state athletics, KHSAA, has provisions to prevent academic and athletic pursuits from negatively impacting each other.

10. I'm interested. How can I find out more information or schedule a tour?

Visit [www.academyatshawnee.org](http://www.academyatshawnee.org). The website is a work in progress but soon many details will be available – so check back often. Meanwhile, please call Mr. Will Vander Meer, the school's magnet coordinator, via the school's main number [502.485.8326] or his direct line [402.485.7018]. He can answer your questions and schedule a tour!



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