Definition of Career Academies
Graphic Version

Small Learning Community
- Academy-only classes for 2-4 years
- Team of teacher-managers
- Limited, voluntary enrollment
- Family-like atmosphere
- Administrator and counselor support
- Other courses and activities outside the academy

Partnerships with Employers, Community, and Higher Education
- Steering committee to govern academy
- Parental involvement, support
- Business and community speakers, role models
- Field trips, job shadowing
- Mentor program
- Workplace internships, community service
- Articulation with postsecondary education

College Prep, Career-Related Curriculum
- College entrance academic classes
- Broadly defined career class
- Contextual, applied, integrated curriculum
- Common teacher planning time
- Project-based learning
- College and career planning, articulation

Career Academy Support Network