

## **Teacher Academy I**

### **My Mission Statement**

My mission as an educator is to help students to realize their potential, identify their strengths, improve their weaknesses and achieve their goals. I am a teacher not only to teach, but to learn as well. I value the mind and ideas of students and look forward to my time with them. I strive, each day, to treat every student with respect in all situations. I believe that every student can learn and that I can learn from every student. I BELIEVE I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

### **General Program Information**

The Teacher Academy Program is a rigorous college preparatory program designed to give you a "taste" of what it means to be a teacher today and in the future. Be prepared to work hard, become a stronger student, and examine the ideas of education, learning and teaching.

Teacher Academy students are required to maintain AT LEAST a college preparatory course of study throughout their junior and senior years. You are also required to complete an average of one (1) hour of community service per week over the course of the school year. Community service hours will be collected at the end of each grading period and applied to the quarter grade. Teacher Academy students are also expected to maintain EXCELLENT attendance including absences, tardies and early dismissals. In order to continue to the senior program, students must successfully complete the junior program. Failure to meet any or all of these requirements will result in the student NOT being permitted to continue to the senior program.

### **Units of Study**

Introduction to Education and Training  
Organizational Processes of Education  
Communication in the Educational Setting  
Academic Foundations  
Safety and Health  
Technology  
Learning and Developmental  
Characteristics

Subject Knowledge (core as well as  
subject to be taught)  
Assessment  
Instructional Strategies  
Learning Environment  
Collaboration and Communication  
Professional Responsibilities and Growth

### **What to Expect**

First year Teacher Academy students will participate in a variety of learning activities. Teacher Academy is NOT a "sit and get" type of class. Students will be ACTIVELY engaged in the learning process. Classroom discussions, debates, cooperative projects, presentations and research will make up most of our days. Students will also plan and present lessons to the class and serve as evaluators/coaches as classmates present their lessons. Since we are considered an Honors Academy course, students will be pushed to work hard and think hard!