## Here is a brief description of the 7 Small Learning Communities at WHS



<u>Video Academy:</u> VA is a three year college prep program that combines academic classes with vocational; training in broadcasting, video production, journalism, and multimedia research and presentation skills. Students have the opportunity to produce videos, access to the latest technology and take part in the live news broadcast at WHS.

**BATA Academy:** (Business and Technology) BATA offers an opportunity to work in three businesses on the WHS campus. Our "Spirit Store" is a retail business selling Wildcatz promotional products. Students can master their business management skills in sales marketing and finance.

<u>Health Academy:</u> The HA is a three year program that goes from 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students learn about careers in the medical field. Field trips to hospitals, museums, colleges and other educational places are a key part of our program along with internship at the hospital their senior year.

**Mosaic:** Visual and Performing arts academy connects the high school core curriculum and prepares students for college or post secondary opportunities that show case a student's artistic talent and abilities. Mosaic is dedicated to helping students appreciate all aspects of art, art history and teachers believe that those who study the arts do better academically in all their classes.

**ESNR:** Environmental Science and Natural Resources, ESNR is WHS's GREEN academy. ESNR provides students with the skills necessary to get that green job- the jobs of the future. With established partnerships in the community, students learn about the environment, sustainable agriculture and conservation of natural resources.

**Echo:** Education, Community, Humanitarian, Outreach ECHO is an SLC if you're looking to be a leader through teaching, mentoring, standing up for others, or protecting your community. ECHO students contribute positively to the world and local community through actions and leadership. Each student explores their leadership style, themselves as individuals, how to be effective leaders and what they can do for WHS.

**E-Tech:** (Engineering and Technology) ETECH is for students interested in pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) vocational careers. Academy courses promote hands- on – learning. Students interested in architecture, construction, engineering, programming, computer aided design/ manufacturing, automotive repair or welding should consider ETECH. Within ETECH there is a rigorous pre-engineering program adopted from (PLTW), a national pre-engineering curriculum.