

West Side Career and Technology Center

The West Side Career and Technology Center is a full-time comprehensive technology school serving students in grades 9 through 12 from member districts. A complete academic curriculum compliments the 15 career-technical programs that lead to immediate career or college admission. Our integrated competency-based curriculum provides a quality educational community in which students will learn academic, career, technical, and soft skills necessary to prepare them to be contributing members of our society, skilled members of the workforce, and responsible life-long learners prepare to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

As part of the admission process, we invite students and their families to tour the facility while school is in session. In addition, we highly encourage students to schedule a Shadow Day to meet our students and participate in daily CTE program activities. This allows students to experience one or more programs to determine first-hand if a program is a good fit for their future goals. This allows

Visit our website at www.wsctc.net or your guidance office to obtain an application to enroll. In order to be considered, students must complete sufficient credits to be promoted to ninth grade. Students are not guaranteed their first career choice. The acceptance and placement process will be determined by, but not limited to, program availability, credit requirements, attendance, academic involvement, grades, and behavioral infractions and standardized test results.

In addition to offering hands-on technology that prepare students for immediate employment, WSCTC provides other opportunities for students to grow and develop. Our academic courses prepare students for college admission, and our Early College program allows students to earn college credit during school hours or as part of after school offerings. Each CTE program also offers industry recognized credentials for students who qualify and co-curricular activities that are career related. Students may also participate in sports at the sending district.

Part-Time Program

Students may be eligible for part-time enrollment at West Side CTC. Students attend their home school for their academic classes and report to West Side CTC for career and technical training. Admission to this program is limited and a consultation with both schools is necessary to review academic standards and credits.

Students Occupationally and Academically Ready (SOAR)

The PA Department of Education supports career and technical education students aligning their CTE courses to a college program in order to complete a degree, diploma or certificate. Information about earning advanced credits and statewide articulations can be viewed at www.collegetransfer.net.

Diversified Occupations

Cooperative Education is a structured method of instruction for qualified seniors combining school-based classroom learning with productive work-based learning at a training site in business and industry in an occupation matching the student learner's academic and career objective. Cooperative Education is a partnership among students, parents/guardians, educational institutions, and employers with specified responsibilities for each part.

Career and Technical Programs offered at West Side CTC

Auto Body Collision Repair Technology Early Childhood Education

Automotive Technology Electrical Technology

Business Marketing Health Related Technology

Carpentry H.V.A.C.

Computer Information Systems/Programming Law Enforcement/Police Science

Computer Networking and Maintenance Machine Tool Technology

Cosmetology (10th through 12th) Multi-Media Technologies

Culinary Arts