

What Every Parent Should Know About Career & Technical Education

Expand Student Options

A Career and Technical Education program can:

- Show how reading, math and science are used in careers by relating academic subjects to the real world.
- Allow students to start college studies while in high school through dual enrollment with a community college.
- Add a new dimension to learning with "hands-on" in addition to "eyes-on" activities – a more effective way of learning.

Enhance Success in School

Career and Technical programs teach the Arizona Academic Standards needed to be successful on the state graduation exam while enhancing students' enjoyment of school.

Provide College Prep and Career Prep

Career and Technical Education blends rigorous academic content with technical skills in a hands-on setting so students find greater meaning and greater success in their studies. Career and Technical programs meet the entrance requirements of four-year colleges and universities while including the skills employers are looking for.

Challenges Students to Think

Career and Technical students are challenged to apply theoretical knowledge – learned in academic and technical classrooms – to practical problems in laboratories or at worksites. This is a basic lifetime skill.

Test Career Interests Before College

Career and Technical Education provides a career focus as insurance for success in postsecondary education. Before students invest in college, they can test their interest in areas such as health care, culinary arts, drafting and design, information technology, or business.

Help Pay for College

Technical skills that focus on a specific career area help students get higher paying jobs to meet the cost of college education.

Broaden Lifelong Work and Education Options

Career and Technical programs prepare students for satisfying careers including non-traditional fields.

Acquire Life Skills That Apply to Any Career

Personal skills – such as self-confidence, self-awareness, good work habits, practical problem solving, punctuality, reliability, and teamwork – are essential in any career. Career and Technical programs instill the desire to learn because every student feels a sense of accomplishment.