

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION
(Tech Prep/Youth Apprenticeships)**

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The mission of vocational education at the Waunakee Community Schools is to provide an opportunity for students to develop skills and knowledge needed for success in employment, to build foundations for further education and to acquire lifetime skills. Curriculum and learning experiences must be provided to assure every student the opportunity to explore potential careers and, when appropriate, acquire the occupational skills necessary for the transition from school to the world of work. The term “occupational skills” includes three major components:

- a) Basic skills
- b) Employability skills
- c) Education for employment

Basic skills are the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary for an individual to be a fully contributing member of society. Examples include mathematical computation, computer literacy and application, verbal and written communication, critical thinking and problem solving, human relations, education for employment and the basics of science, government and economics.

Employability skills are general skills and knowledge needed to be effective in seeking, obtaining, and retaining employment and which are applicable and transferable to general employment situations. Refer to WAC rule PI 26 for the definition of employability skills.

One of the most effective methods of reinforcing employability skills occurs when businesses and schools work jointly through partnerships and school supervised work-experience programs.

Education for employment prepares individuals to perform meaningful work in a given occupational field. The purposes are: outlined in WAC rule PI26.

Tech Prep is a concept that strives to incorporate preparation for future technology changes into all areas of the curriculum. The District’s curriculum is to reflect the integration of this concept into all courses and grade levels.

Youth Apprenticeship is a program that unites the efforts of Department of Workforce Development, DPI, private business and local school districts to provide specific career training programs for students during their last two years of public education. The District supports youth apprenticeship and is to work cooperatively to enhance the opportunity for students in their area.

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