

# McCANNTECHNICAL SCHOOL

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## Mission, Vision & Philosophy

- The mission of McCann Technical School is to graduate technically skilled, academically prepared, and socially responsible individuals ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.
- McCann Technical School is committed to being the leader of quality technical education and academic achievement in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- The school community will create a learning environment that motivates and actively engages all students in mastering rigorous academic and technical curricula. Our educational philosophy is sustained by faculty, staff, and administrators dedicated to a student-centered focus through continuous improvement. Student growth and development are promoted by instilling the following core values in our students:

**Respect** - for self, others, and the learning environment promotes a positive learning experience for all students.

**Effort** - is demonstrated through an applied work ethic that includes punctuality, improvement, and a determination to succeed.

**Accountability** - develops personal responsibility for both behavior and learning.

**Communication** - facilitates collaboration, promotes self-advocacy, and develops positive relationships.

**Honor** - requires students to act with integrity, honesty, positivity, and empathy for others.

## The School and Community

McCann Technical High School is located in the northern Berkshires of Massachusetts. The district is comprised of the communities of Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Lanesborough, Monroe, North Adams, Savoy, and Williamstown. For more than sixty years McCann Tech has fostered an outstanding reputation throughout the Commonwealth, strong partnerships with numerous area employers, and a dedicated and caring faculty. At McCann Tech students receive two complete educations - a traditional high school education plus specialized training in a technical major. McCann Tech recognizes that not everyone learns the same way. Our programs emphasize hands-on and project-based learning in addition to traditional academic learning.

## Student Activities

### SkillsUSA

McCann Tech is a 100% member of SkillsUSA. All students participate in chapter activities, including professional development programs and local SkillsUSA competitions. Students also compete at the state and national SkillsUSA competitions.

### Business Professionals of America

McCann Tech is a chapter member of Business Professionals of America. Students' participation focuses on preparing students to excel in the business community through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills. Students are encouraged to participate in chapter activities including state and national skills competitions.

### Cooperative Work Experience

An opportunity for students to enhance their technical and academic proficiency. Senior students must have a technical GPA of 80 or higher, no failing academic subjects, and an overall academic GPA of 75 or higher. Juniors must have a technical GPA of 90 or higher, no failing academic subjects, and an overall GPA of 80 or higher.

## Curriculum



McCann Technical School is a certified Project Lead The Way school. This certification gives students the opportunity to receive college credit from Rochester Institute of Technology.



McCann Technical School is an accredited member of NEASC



Edgenuity provides online and blended learning that challenge and engage students, enabling them to achieve greater outcomes with standards-aligned curriculum, and instructional models grounded in research.

McCann offers over 60 courses and 10 technical majors. College preparatory and honors classes are available as well as AP offerings in calculus, statistics, physics, and English. All *Project Lead the Way* courses are weighted as AP and electives include AP Computer Science Principles, Intro to Engineering Design, and Principles of Engineering. Foreign language is also available to students in their Junior and Senior year as an elective.

### Technical Majors

Advanced Manufacturing Technology	Automotive	Business Technology	Carpentry	Computer Assisted Design (CAD)
Culinary Arts	Electricity	Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC)	Information Technology	Metal Fabrication

### Grading System

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Students must successfully achieve a competency on the mandated Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Test, complete all courses, and earn 35 credits in the following areas: Technical Major-16, English- 4, Mathematics- 4, Science- 4, History- 2, PE/Health - 3, CTE (Career & Technical Enrichment) – 2. Electives: Spanish- up to 2 credits, Project Lead the Way- up to 3 credits.

A+	97-100
A	94-96
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	65-66
F	0-64

#### Grading System Class of 2027 and Beyond

Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, McCann Technical School will use a Proficiency Based Assessment System. Rather than assigning traditional grades, we will assign scores based on the student’s ability to demonstrate progress toward a specific skill and content. Students must still successfully achieve competency on the mandated Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Test (MCAS).

4	Exemplary
3	Proficient
2	Developing
1	Limited

**McCann is a Chapter 74 approved Vocational/Technical high school that qualifies for the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education’s waiver of the foreign language requirement. All McCann students take 4 Carnegie units of English, mathematics, and science.**

#### Graduates of the class of 2023 were accepted to the following institutions:

Alaska Pacific University, Alfred University, American International College, Amherst College, Bay Path University, Bennington College, Berkshire Community College, Bridgewater State University, Champlain College, Clark University, Clarkson University, Coastal Carolina University, Colby-Sawyer College, Curry College, Dean College, Elms College (College of our Lady of the Elms), Emmanuel College, Endicott College, Fisher College, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, Hawaii Pacific University, High Point University, Hudson Valley Community College, Kean University, Keene State College, Lasell University, Marymount Manhattan College, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Merrimack College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, North Carolina State University at Raleigh, Northeastern University, Norwich University, Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus, Plymouth State University, Providence College, Quinnipiac University, Regis College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rhode Island College, Rhode Island School of Design, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roger Williams University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Michael’s College, Salem State University, Salve Regina University, Siena College, Southeast Lineman Training Center, Southern New Hampshire University, Springfield College, Springfield Technical Community College, Stonehill College, Suffolk County Community College, SUNY Morrisville, The University of Alabama, The University of Tampa, Union College (NY), University of Connecticut, University of Hartford, University of Maine, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Massachusetts-Boston, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, University of New England, University of New Hampshire-Main Campus, University of Northwestern Ohio, University of Southern Maine, University of Vermont, Vermont State University, Villanova University, Washington State University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Western New England University, Westfield State University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester State University, Xavier University

Class size: **123** Continuing Education: **64%** Entering Workforce: **33%** Military: **3%**

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Interested in visiting McCann Tech?  
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