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Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School

College, Career or Both!



School Profile

2023 - 2024

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CEEB#: 311368

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an educational program in which all students achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels for the purpose of developing responsible graduates who are academically, technically and vocationally competent and prepared for the future. We promote and enhance learning by helping students match their skills and abilities, interests and knowledge, values and preferences with plans that meet the students' educational and career goals. We are committed to challenging our students to achieve their highest potential.

Community

Somerset County is the hub of Central New Jersey. Its 21 municipalities, which encompass 305 square miles, contain a diversity of landscape, population and development that reflects the diverse style of over 330,000 residents. Somerset County Vocational Technical School serves 700 students in grades 9-12 from all 21 municipalities. 147 students graduated in June 2023.

Student Selection

Most students who attend Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School live in Somerset County. Students may apply to Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School by completing an application and submitting a series of documents. Students must have a minimum math and reading level of 7th grade. Students are accepted on the following criteria: 7th and 8th grade report card grades, attendance reports, discipline reports, and standardized test scores from previous school years.

Accreditation

Somerset County Vocational Technical School is a fully accredited public school by the New Jersey Department of Education. Somerset County Vocational Technical School has successfully passed state monitoring by the Department of Education and has been named a school of excellence after the completion of an extensive monitoring process by the New Jersey Department of Education through the Quality Single Accountability Continuum process.

Curriculum

In preparation for college, career or both, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School focuses on career and technical education. Students may attend Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School on a full time or on a shared time basis and may choose from 18 career majors. In some career programs, college courses are available as electives, if students meet criteria. Most academic classes are 40 minutes in length and are taught at the college prep level; while career major classes are 80-120 minutes in length.

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In support of the students, the school counseling team has adopted the National Standards for school counseling. These standards focus on helping students achieve competencies in three areas of student development: academic, career, and personal/social. We offer comprehensive services to the school community including staff, students and their families. We advocate for our students by serving as allies with teachers and by collaborating with parents/guardians and community partners.

Academic Course Offerings

English Department

- English 9, 10, 11, 12
- Honors English 10, 11, 12
- English Composition 1/English 12--concurrent enrollment course with Raritan Valley Community College

Mathematics Department

- Algebra I
- Geometry, Geometry Honors
- Algebra II, Algebra II Honors
- Pre Calculus, Pre Calculus Honors
- Calculus

Fine and Performing Arts

- Photography
- Foundations of Art (Graphic Communication Students)

Physical Education Department

- Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12
- Health 9, 11, 12
- Driver's Education 10

Science Department

- Anatomy & Physiology (Cosmetology students)
- Biology
- Chemistry, Chemistry Honors
- Physics
- Human Biology (Health Occupation students)--concurrent enrollment course with Raritan Valley Community College
- Earth and Space Science

Social Studies Department

- World History
- U.S. History I, U.S. History I Honors
- U.S. History II, U.S. History II Honors
- Financial Literacy
- Intro to Business--concurrent enrollment course with Raritan Valley Community College
- Business Management--concurrent enrollment course with Raritan Valley Community College
- Cross Cultural Perspectives--concurrent enrollment course with Fairleigh Dickinson University

World Languages Department

• Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4

CTE Course Offerings

- 1. Academy for Health and Medical Sciences*
- 2. Agricultural Science*
 - a. CASE
- 3. Automotive/Diesel Technology
- 4. Auto Body/Collision Repair
- Business Entrepreneurship & Management*
- 6. Carpentry
- 7. Computer Science
- 8. Cosmetology
- 9. Culinary Arts*
- 10. Gifted & Talented Honors Dance
- 11. Electrical Construction*
 - a. Electrical/Environmental Control Tech 1 103
- 12. Graphic Communications
- 13. Health Occupations*
 - a. Medical Terminology
 - b. Dynamics of Healthcare in Society
- 14. Mechanics and Repair
- 15. Mechatronics, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing*
- 16. Law and Public Safety
- 17. Plumbing
- 18. Theater Arts
 - a. Acting
 - b. Acting with music vocals
- 19. Welding

^{*}Possible college credit

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Graduation Requirements

To graduate, students must complete 120 credits in coursework that begins in grade 9 and concludes with grade 12. The coursework must include the following:

- 1. Four years of English (9-12)
- 2. Three years of Mathematics
- 3. Three years of Science
- 4. Two years of U.S. History
- 5. One year of World History
- 6. One year of World Language
- 7. One year of Physical Education/Health for every year enrolled in SCVTHS
- 8. One year of Visual/Performing Arts
- 9. One half year of Financial Literacy
- 10. Career Major-10 to 15 credits per year (minimum of 2 years in 1 CTE program to be eligible for skilled proficiency certificate).

Activities and Athletics

A comprehensive program of curricular and co-curricular activities is offered at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School. Within the career majors, the students participate in career readiness and live work performance experiences. Some experiences include restaurant management within the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's restaurant, Trade Wins. Graphic design orders are created and printed in the school's Paw Prints design and print shop. Live work studies are found in several other programs including Automotive/Diesel Technology, Agricultural Science, Carpentry, Cosmetology, and Welding.

All students have the opportunity to participate in SkillsUSA. As per its description found on the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's website, "SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit student organization that serves students enrolled in career and technical education training programs at our nation's public high schools and colleges. SkillsUSA's mission is to empower its members to become world class workers and responsible American citizens."

SkillsUSA complements technical skills training with instruction in the employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen. Founded in 1965, SkillsUSA has developed nearly 9.5 million workers through active partnerships between employers and educators.

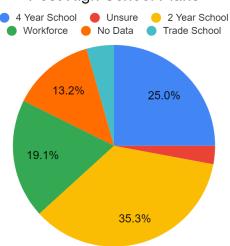
In addition to co-curricular activities, Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School competes in interscholastic sports such as basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and cheerleading.

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Class of 2023 Student Outcomes

The information below was compiled by the SCVTHS Pupil Services department and represents the stated plans of the full time students of the graduating class of 2023. Information was gathered both by asking students their plans and from college and career readiness tools such as SCOIR which students use to search for and apply to Colleges and Universities. This information does not include the students who attended the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences.

Class of 2023 Full Time Student Post High School Plans



4 Year Colleges/ Universities

Bloomfield College
Coastal Carolina University
Culinary Institute of America
Delaware State University
Florida Institute of Technology
Gordon College
Kean University
Mount St. Mary's University
New England Institute of Technology
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rutgers University
Shippensburg University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Virginia Wesleyan University

Professional Certifications Earned

American Heart Association CPR
Automotive Service Excellence
Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
Emergency Medical Responder
New Jersey Cosmetology License
OSHA 10
Pilates Certification

2 Year Colleges

Raritan Valley Community College Camden County College Hudson County Community College Middlesex County Community College

Trade Schools/ Certification Programs

Raritan Valley Community College Automotive Raritan Valley Community College Cosmetology

Workforce

Automotive Shop Electrician Hair Salon Law Enforcement Plumber Welder

SkillsUSA Awards

Gold Medals: 3 NJ Silver Medals: 7 NJ, 1 National Bronze Medals: 7 NJ