

Dear Heavy Equipment Repair Students and Families,

My name is Bill Rearick, and I am the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School Heavy Equipment Repair Instructor. I graduated from the Heavy Equipment Repair program in 1988 and continued on to Ohio Diesel Technical School and graduated in 1989. Since my graduation, I had a twenty-year full-time career in heavy-duty diesel truck and equipment repair. In 2008, I became a BCAVTS Instructor, and continued to work part-time in the industry. My goal is to impart my 30+ years of experience with my students throughout the school year.

My objectives for Heavy Equipment Repair students are as follows:

- To exhibit professionalism and work ethic in all assigned tasks
- To develop safe working habits and to work cooperatively with fellow classmates
- To gain entry-level knowledge and understanding of equipment operations and systems
- To acquire dependable and employable qualities for future employment

Heavy Equipment students grades are weighted in three categories: 30% Theory, 30% Shop Work, and 40% Daily Participation. Students will begin every day with an in-class activity, therefore all students must provide their own theory supplies to be available every day. There is storage space available for students to leave their HE supplies in the classroom.

Student supplies needed:

- Writing utensils – black/blue pens or pencils
- One 3” inch binder for note packets, handouts, etc.
- One set of binder dividers to organize class materials in 3” binder
- One notebook and/or loose-leaf paper for daily questions, note taking, etc.
- One pocket notebook for shop use, to take notes while working

To work safely in the shop, students Heavy Equipment Repair students are required to provide their own work attire. Each student will be provided with a locker and BCAVTS issued combination lock to keep their belongings safe. If work attire becomes frayed or ripped, it must be replaced.

Work attire needed:

- Non-tinted safety glasses per PA State Law
 - Students will be provided with one pair to begin the school year. If this pair is lost, students may purchase a new pair from the school or any store.
- Leather work boots
- Black work pants with leather belt if needed, two pairs preferred
- Heavy Equipment Repair Work Shirt available for purchase (to be provided once school starts), two preferred
 - Students are responsible to launder their work attire regularly

Work attire must be kept in each student's locker. Students will not be permitted to work in the shop in clothes they wear to school. Failure to comply jeopardizes your child's safety and choosing to disregard these procedures will impact their grade.

Students will be required to have their cellphones in their lockers during class. This is to ensure their safety when using equipment, privacy of their classmates, and to facilitate learning. If there is an emergency that you need to reach your student, please contact the main office at 724-282-0735. Not complying will result in a loss of their daily points and referral to the office.

If you have any questions or concerns now or in the future, please contact me at (724) 282-0735 EXT. 223 or via e-mail at rearickw@butlertec.us. I look forward to working with your child and hope they find my class to be a rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

William Rearick

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