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# Frequently Asked Questions ...and Answers

## 1. What grade students can come there?

- Grades 9-12 may attend; however, some programs are better suited for upper classmen.
- Our usual incoming enrollment is 10th & 11th with the possibility of completing a pathway the next year or semester.

## 2. How does my child apply or register for classes at the Skills Center?

- Enrollment takes place in the spring during the usual school registration process.
- Students are selected by the School Counselor or Career Development Coordinator.

## 3. What courses do you have there?

- 3D Modeling & Animation 1-2
- Advanced Manufacturing & Manufacturing Robotics
- Automotive Service 1-4
- Collision Repair 1-4
- Culinary Arts & Hospitality 1-4
- Cybersecurity 1-2
- Firefighter 1-2
- Game Art & Design & Adv. Game Art & Design
- HVACR 1-2
- Network Administration 1-2
- Nursing Fundamentals & Practicum
- Robotics 1-2
- Welding I, II & III

## 4. Can a student take more than 1 program?

- Absolutely – proper planning allows students to complete more than 1 program successfully.

## 5. How long are the classes?

- All classes are 2 hours and 35 minutes long.

## 6. How long are the individual courses?

- Each course is 9 weeks long. This means there will be a final assessment at the end of 9 weeks before they begin the next course.

## 7. Can I drive to the Skills Center?

- Yes, with the approval of the Director and the required paperwork.
- Students must purchase a student parking pass at their home school before receiving a parking pass for the Skills Center. There is no additional cost.

## 8. Does it cost anything to take classes?

- There is no cost to register for a course, but several programs have requirements for the shop/lab/kitchen/clinical setting for safety or industry needs.
- If a student cannot provide the necessary equipment, arrangements will be made to assist them.

## 9. What if I want to ride with someone else to the Skills Center?

- If you want to ride in another approved student's car, you must first have the approval of their parents before you can ride with them – this is for your safety

## 10. What certifications/credentials can my child earn?

- Every program has certificates and/or to offer students who successfully complete the courses and pass the appropriate credential exams, when available. Speak with the instructor to find out more.

## 11. Can I still participate in sports or other extracurricular events if I come to the Skills Center?

- Definitely - Students can be involved with extra-curricular programs at their schools and participate in them as required. They must coordinate the timing of these events with their instructor.

## 12. Can my child continue to the second course if they fail the first one?

- No – the first course is the prerequisite for the next course.
- Think of this in terms of NC Math I...are you allowed to take NC Math II without passing NC Math I? No.
- If a student is removed from a program after the first course, the sending school will have alternate work to be completed during the time the student would have been attending the Skills Center.

## 13. What are the expectations of the students at the Skills Center?

- Come to the Skills Center every day, on time...just like a job.
- Come prepared every day, ready to work and learn...just like a job.
- Be accountable for yourself, your learning, and your actions.