Transforming Education

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024 - 2025

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School
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Our School

Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) is a four-year regional vocational technical high school with an enrollment of 1,262 students (Class of 2025 = 315, Class of 2026 = 316, Class of 2027 = 316, and Class of 2028 = 315) who have chosen to learn in an atmosphere that is relevant to their interests, aptitudes, and strengths. Technical education in the vocational areas goes hand-in-hand with rigorous academic programming, outstanding extracurricular activities, and a dynamic athletic program.

BVT provides an exciting and rewarding career education option for students in the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. We offer 18 vocational technical programs and a challenging academic curriculum, as well as our Moonlight Programs for adult learners.

- · Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication
- · Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing
- Automotive Technology
- Biotechnology
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- · Culinary Arts
- · Dental Assisting
- Drafting & Design Technology (2-year program for Juniors and Seniors only)

Moonlight Programs:

- · Advanced Manufacturing Foundational Skills
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

- Electrical
- Electronics & Engineering Technology
- Engineering & Robotics
- · Health Services
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- · Information Technology
- Multimedia Communications
- · Painting & Design Technology
- Plumbing
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Practical Nursing (Post-Secondary)



BVT is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. It is regulated by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and is part of the Massachusetts Vocational Association.

Graduation Requirements

4 Years - Vocational Technical Program	32 credits
• 2 Years - Related	2 credits
• 4 Years – English	8 credits
• 4 Years – Math	8 credits
• 3 Years - Science (including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)	6 credits
• 3 Years – Social Studies	6 credits
Additional Elective Credits	3 credits
Enrichment Courses	3 credits

Minimum academic and shop credits required for graduation is 68 credits. Passing grade is a final average of 60 or greater.

Grading System

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Grade Scale		Conduct/Effort	
 Superior 	90 – 100	 Excellent 	1
 Very Good 	80 - 89	 Good 	2
Satisfactory	70 – 79	• Fair	3
 Creditable 	60 - 69	 Unsatisfactory 	4
 Failure 	0 - 59		

If a student receives a failing grade, no credit is earned for the course.

Our Administration

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Superintendent-Director

Anthony E. Steele, II

Assistant Superintendent-Director/
Principal

Matthew Urquhart Assistant Principal

Kerri Baltramaitis
Dr. Matthew Connors
Michele Denise
Vocational Directors

Edward Evans, III

Academic Curriculum Coordinator

Yvette Normandin Martin Director of Student Services

Nicole Ferguson Business Manager

Robert Dolegiewicz Facilities Manager

Joann Monks
Practical Nursing Program Coordinator

Our Mission

To create a positive learning community that prepares our students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

Our Community

With Boston, Providence, Hartford and Worcester within an hour's drive of our campus, the historic Blackstone Valley, offers an exceptional quality of life. The region, ideal for business partnerships and numerous colleges and universities, puts our students within reach of leaders in business, technology, medicine, and the arts.

GPA & Class Rank

Our GPA and Class Rank are calculated using a system of levels and credits.

AP Courses – Level 1

Honors Courses – Level 2

College Preparatory Courses – Level 3

• Mainstream Courses - Level 4

 Courses with Modified Curriculum/ Performance Expectations - Level 5 Elevate a grade average by 20 points Elevate a grade average by 15 points Elevate a grade average by 10 points

Elevate a grade average by 5 points

Elevate a grade average by 0 points

Levels do not affect the grade published on a student's report card or transcript; they simply assist in calculating class rank for a diverse student population.

Advanced Placement Program

BVT offers the following Advanced Placement (AP) courses:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science*
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Physics I Algebra
- AP Spanish Language & Culture**
- AP U.S. History
- AP Psychology
- AP Music

Honors Program

BVT offers 22 honors courses at all grade levels including English, Science, Mathematics, History, and Art. There are also honors courses in Immersion Spanish offered to freshmen through junior year.

BVT views college as a continuation of learning. Many of our students simultaneously pursue a post-secondary education while working in their vocations.

CAREER & LIFE READY - CLASS OF 2024



18.57% Entering the Workforce/ Apprenticeship Program



66.45% 4 Year College/ Tech College



9.12% 2 Year College/ Certification Program



3.91% Gap or Service Year



1.95% Military

MCAS Results - Class of 2025

· Scored Exceeding/Meeting Expectations in English Language Arts

· Scored Exceeding/Meeting Expectations in Mathematics

Scored Exceeding/Meeting Expectations in Science

62% 70%

80%

Cooperative Education

Our Cooperative Education Program provides students with an employment opportunity in an industry that is directly related to the vocation in which the student has been trained. Eligible students can join the program starting in the third trimester of their junior year. Students participating in this program work rotating weeks according to the school calendar.



Athletics

Alpine Ski - Boys & Girls

Baseball

Basketball - Boys & Girls

Cheerleading - Fall & Winter

Cross-Country - Boys & Girls

Field Hockey

Football

Golf

Ice Hockey - Boys

Ice Hockey - Girls

Lacrosse - Boys & Girls

Soccer - Boys & Girls

Softball

Swim & Dive - Boys & Girls

Track & Field - Boys & Girls

Volleyball - Boys

Volleyball - Girls

Wrestling

Activities & Clubs

Art Club

Aviation Club

Band

Bass Fishing

Bird Watching Club

Chorus

Class Officers

DECA

Drama

Fashion Club

FIRST Robotics

Foreign Trips

Friends of Rachel

Gaming Club

Good News Club

GSA

Helping Hands

Homecoming

Humanities Scholars

LEO Club

Math Team

Model United Nations

Motor Sports Club

Movie Club

Multicultural Club

National Honor Society

National Technical Honor Society

SEA Club

Ski & Snowboard Club

SkillsUSA

Spiritual Club

Student Council

Unicef Club

Walking Club

Yearbook

^{*} Offered only to seniors in Information Technology. ** Offered only to students in Honors Immersion Spanish.