

# Welcome to Robert D. Stethem Educational Center



## Spotlight on CTE

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# What is Career and Technical Education?

Prepares youth and adults for a wide range of careers

Supports careers requiring:

- High school diplomas
- Postsecondary certificates
- Apprenticeships
- Two- and four-year college degrees

Enhances education with:

- Industry-recognized credentials
- College credit opportunities while still in high school
- Bridges academic learning with real-world career skills



# Career and Technical Education Vs. Vocational Education



**Originally focused on preparing students for immediate employment after high school has evolved to include:**

- Rigorous academic content standards
- Challenging coursework aligned with industry needs

**Offers sequences of courses leading to:**

- Industry-recognized credentials or certificates
- Associate or baccalaureate degrees
- Entry into apprenticeship programs
- Today's CTE graduates are career and college ready

# Automotive Technology



# Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning



# Pharmacy Technician



# Barbering



# Physical Rehabilitation



# Fire and EMS



# 2 – Year Application Program

# Who is eligible to apply?



- Current 10th-grade students, as well as 9th-grade students identified as potential 'jumpers' (students who may advance a grade level), are eligible
- All students must be enrolled in the Charles County Public School System at the time of submitting the application
- To remain eligible for CTE a Student, needs to pass the 10th grade and advance to the 11th grade for 26-27 SY

# Applications

When?



**Applications Window:  
October 23- November 13th**

Where?



**Application submitted via *MS*  
Forms using CCBOE Account**



**Only one Submission will be accepted per student. The last submission is the submission that will be reviewed.**

# What can I expect on the application?



- 1. Current address and contact information**
- 2. E-mail address**
- 3. 1st program choice (2nd choice optional)**
- 4. Electronic signatures confirming that all details of the application have been completed accurately**

# All about Interest Surveys.....



**These are program-specific questionnaires designed to help determine student interest in their desired program.**

## **Surveys include:**

- Questions related to your chosen program
- Written responses and sometimes math-based tasks

**All surveys are scored by program teachers and count for 60% of your overall application score**



## **Tips for Success**

- Take your time — read each question carefully
- Answer thoughtfully using proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- Attempt every question to the best of your ability
- Show your work when solving math problems
- Treat the survey like a first impression — it matters!

# How student scores are calculated?

Application points

+

60% Interest  
Survey Points

+

25% Academic Performance  
(9th Grade Final Score and 10th grade 1st  
Quarter)

+

10% Xello core lesson  
completion.

+

5% Program student applies to  
matches the career

=

Student Score



Student Score

≥

program cut off score

=

Qualified Student

## The Application Journey at a Glance



**"i am interested!"**

Submit Application

**Interest Survey**

Complete interest Survey with Career and College advisor during the school day in December

**Academic Performance**

Meet all academic requirements to advance to the 11th grade, Work with Teachers, Counselors and College and career advisors while you wait

**Lottery Results**

Emails are sent to students and Families via Synergy with Lottery results.

**Accept/Decline/ Waitlist**

**Next steps are based on your lottery results**

**Accepted**

**Waitlist**

**Declined**

**Choices,  
Choices,  
Choices!**

## Program Selection Guidelines:

Students will select a program of their interest, which is considered their **FIRST** choice. Students have the option of picking a **SECOND** program of interest. This would be their **SECOND** choice.

### Important Notes About 2nd Choice Programs 2nd choice programs are only considered if:

- The student does not get into their 1st choice
- There is space available in the 2nd choice program

### If a student accepts a 2nd choice program:

They are no longer eligible to be considered for their 1st choice



# Accepted

- Receive a letter of acceptance
- Included with the letter is an acceptance agreement/contract
- Must be signed by both student and parent/guardian
- Must be returned within 2 weeks
  - Via email or through the school counselor
- Secures a seat in one of the 92 available spots across all programs at Stethem



# Waitlisted

- Receive a waitlist notification letter
- Letter includes their waitlist number
- Are eligible for a seat if one becomes available
- Must wait until a spot opens within the limited 92-seat capacity
- Encouraged to stay informed and responsive to updates

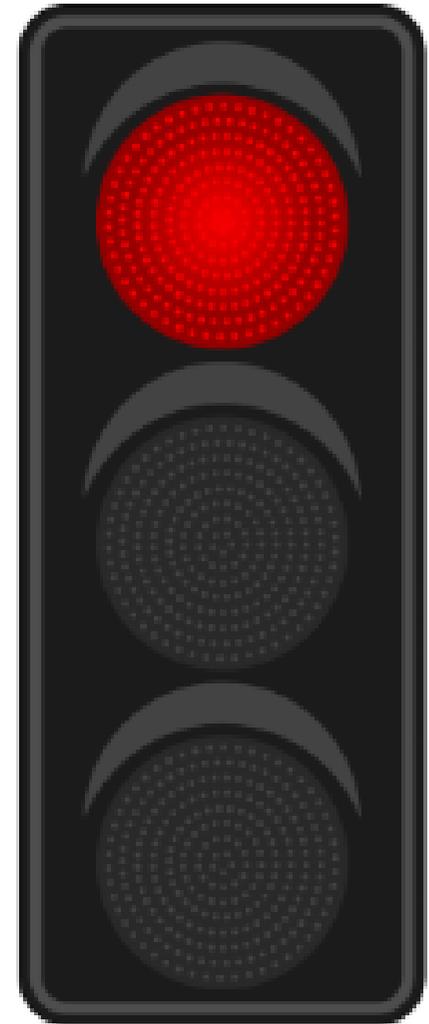


# Declined

- Receive a denial letter
- Are not eligible for placement in their selected program at Stethem

## Other options to explore.....

- **Early College Program:** Tuition-free college courses at CSM for juniors/seniors
- **Dual Enrollment:** Earn high school + college credit at CSM
- **Apprenticeship Maryland Program:** Apprenticeship-based CTE credit



# Inside the Programs: Stethem CTE Experience

- **Enrollment**
- **Transportation**
- **Junior Year**
- **Senior Year**

Application

Interest Survey

Lottery Result:  
Accepted

Email signed  
Agreement

# Enrollment



**After we receive your signed agreement, you'll get a confirmation email. Your name will then be added to a list shared across the county so you can be consecutively enrolled at your primary high school and Stethem**



## Transportation

Students use their regular mode of transportation to their primary high school.

A shuttle transports students from their zoned high school to RDSEC.

After classes, students return to their zoned high school.

Transportation and scheduling vary by grade level.



Juniors arrive in the AM



Seniors arrive in the PM

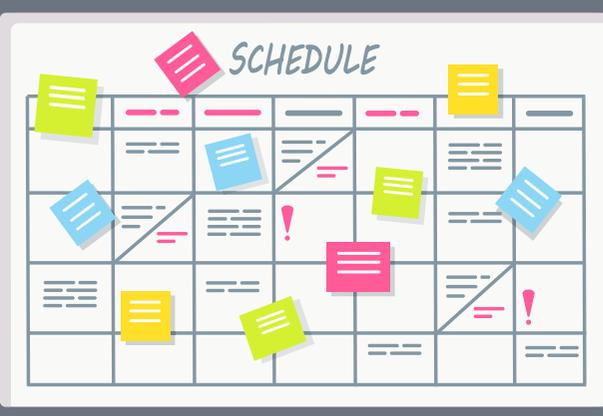
# Junior Year Schedule:

School day begins at 7:50 AM at RDSEC

\*North Point High School students may have adjusted start times

Students take 1-2 general education classes

2-3 CTE courses



## Schedule

# Senior Year Schedule:

Attend RDSEC courses in the afternoon (ETA 11:30 AM)

Take 3 CTE courses during their time at RDSEC

	AM		PM	
	CTE	Non-CTE	CTE	Non-CTE
Auto	3	1	3	0
Barbering	3	1	3	0
HVAC	2	2	3	0
Pharm	2	2	3	0
Rehab	2	2	3	0

North Point students arrive near the end of 1<sup>st</sup> period = 3 classes in AM

\*IMP seniors take Photo 1 or Photo 2 in addition to IMP courses

Stethem and home school counselors should work together to choose non-CTE courses since there are limited offerings at Stethem

# Sample Schedule

## Barbering Student

CLASS PERIOD	Junior Year Class Schedule (AM)
1	ENGLISH
2	BARBERING
3	BARBERING
4	BABRBERING
	STUDENTS RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS PERIOD	Senior Year Schedule (PM)
6	BARBERING CAPSTONE
7	BARBERING CAPSTONE
8	BARBERING CAPSTONE
	STUDENTS RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL

## Pharmacy Tech Student

CLASS PERIOD	Junior Year Class Schedule (AM)
1	SCIENCE
2	PHARMACY TECH
3	PHARMACY TECH
4	HISTORY
	STUDENTS RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS PERIOD	Senior Year Schedule (PM)
6	PHARM TECH MEDICAL SPECIALTY
7	ALLIED HEALTH INTERNSHIP
8	ALLIED HEALTH INTERNSHIP
	STUDENTS RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL



# Junior Year

- Students begin their certification Journey
- Students participate in Employability skill workshop to prepare them for Internships, apprenticeships, employment and so much more...



# Senior Year

- Continue earning Certifications
- Start hands on Learning in real world settings
- Commencement Ceremony

CTSO &  
so much more...



National Technical  
**Honor** Society



Future Business Leaders of America



**SkillsUSA**

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**Food for  
thought**

**“Your education is like  
an investment—the more  
you add to it now, the  
more valuable your  
future becomes.”**