



*Welcome*  
**CLASS OF 2030**

**Vocational Department Presentation**  
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# VOCATIONAL OFFICE

*Introducing the vocational directors...*

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# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

- Educational experience that combines Academics & Career Technical learning
- Career Technical Education (CTE) focuses on growth over time – Introductory to Mastery of Skills
- CTE Curriculum is guided by DESE competencies in each of our shop areas
- The curriculum is continuously updated, and our teachers remain current on the latest technologies, trends, and requirements in each field

# VOCATIONAL LEARNING

- Experiential Learning – Learn by doing
- Activity, Project, and Problem-based approach to coursework
- Repetition of skills to build competency (Basic, Essential, Advanced)

# EXPLORATORY

- Rewarding and fun
- Different
- Challenging
- Eye-opening (50% of students change their minds)
- Gives career direction

# VOCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

- Career Exploration
- Safety/OSHA
- Co-op/Internships
- Life-Long Learning & Adaptability
- Certifications & IRC's
- Hours Towards Licensure (shop specific)

# EXPLORATORY PROCESS

The introduction and exploration of several career pathways through immersion into various program areas

- **7 Exploratory Cycles**
  - Every effort made to explore your top **4** choices
  - Schedule is designed from a survey link (May 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Schedule is given during Freshmen Orientation
  
- **Exploratory Orientation**
  - September 2<sup>nd</sup>

# EXPLORATORY PROCESS

- **Uniform and Dress Codes for Exploratory**
  - Exploratory T- Shirt
    - One complimentary shirt will be ordered for you
    - How to order additional shirts, link to be sent via email
  - Jeans/Work Pants
  - Safety glasses
    - One set of safety glasses provided annually
    - Replacement glasses are \$2.00
  - Closed toe shoes
    - Do not invest in footwear until a shop is assigned
- **Exploratory Cycle Reflections**
  - During Career Enrichment class

# EXPLORATORY GRADING

- **Grading Rubric**

- Safety
- Follows Instructions
- Technical Assignment / Projects
- Work Ethic
- Professionalism
- Employability Skills

- **Attendance**

- Make up work policy (Tuesday/Thursday of the following week)

- **Electronic Grading**

- Grades will be posted to Canvas\* and PowerSchool each week

*\*Canvas - the student learning portal*

# SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

- Decide Survey is conducted (rank 1,2,3...)
- Students are placed based on their interest and according to their score in the selected program
- If a program fills, students will be placed in another program (choices 2-7 or EE)
- The overall average during exploratory may be used as a tie-breaker

# SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

- Career night (November)
- Decide activity (December)
- Initial placement (December)
- Extended exploratory (January & February)
- Waiting list period
- Program switch deadline is Term 1 Sophomore Yr.



# QUESTIONS?