

CAREER & TECHNICAL

E d u c a t i o n N e w s

**“My son isn’t sure
what to do after high school.”**

**“Where can my daughter begin
training for a great career
while still in high school?”**

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“My kids aren’t sure what to do after high school. What kinds of opportunities will be available to them?”

As a parent, you worry about your kids, especially as high school graduation draws near and your teen isn’t sure what he or she wants to do after receiving a diploma. Don’t despair, as this is normal. Lots of high school students are not sure how they want to further their education after graduation.

If your teen is currently pondering his or her future, you might suggest a very viable option is to consider a career and technical education program (CTE) while still enrolled in high school. The CTE program allows students to finish high school while putting them on a path that can lead to:

- Good paying jobs close to home.
- Hands-on work experience while they learn so they are ready to follow a career path when they are graduated from high school.
- Potentially earning college credits to get a jump-start on a college education if they choose to pursue that route.

“What kind of future is available to my child if he chooses the CTE classes?”

Depending on the area in which students choose to focus their studies, a wide variety of opportunities will be available, such as:



- Community college
- Associate degree
- Trade or technical school
- Full four-year degree

Upper Peninsula employers are seeing a labor shortage in skilled areas and your child could help fill that void.

“I want my child to have a career making good wages. Is that even possible in the Upper Peninsula?”

Absolutely. In fact, Upper Peninsula employers expect a high demand for technically skilled manufacturing and construction employees over the course of the next 10 years, as the current workforce members retire.

The jobs that are expected to become available over the next 10 years are solid, career-track positions that offer excellent wages and good benefits. They are family-sustaining salaried or hourly posi-

tions that will enable your child to support him- or herself and a family, allow them to purchase homes and live comfortably.

The Michigan Department of Labor estimates that thousands of manufacturing, forest products, mining and energy industry jobs will become available in the Upper Peninsula in the coming decade. Manufacturers need skilled employees to fill these jobs.

“What will students learn in a CTE program?”

Students will learn a core program devoted to the basics of manufacturing and industrial work. Students will then have the opportunity to select a training program that best suits their interests and will involve studies in one of the following areas:

- electronics and electrical systems
- mechanical systems
- manufacturing systems
- automotive and equipment service
- chemical process technologies
- other technical and manufacturing fields such as welding, HVACR and hydraulics
- construction trades, such as electricians, pipe fitters or carpenters



“Will my child have to leave the area to find a job?”

Students following this career path may not need to leave the area to find employment. Though no one can guarantee anyone a job, the state of Michigan has provided western Marquette County school districts and their partners a grant to develop this CTE program because of the anticipated exceptional need for employees in these fields in the coming years. The Michigan Department of Labor estimates that thousands of manufacturing, forest products, mining and energy industry jobs will become available in the Upper Peninsula in the coming decade.

“Where will my child go to school? Will he graduate with his friends?”

This shared program is open to students in the NICE, Ishpeming, Negaunee and Republic-Michigamme school districts. Classes for this program will be held at Westwood High School. However, students will still be considered a part of their home school district.

**CTE classes begin
in Fall 2007.**

See the back page for more details!

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“My kids aren’t sure what to do after high school.”

If your teenagers aren’t sure that a full four-year college program is for them, encourage them to look into the many exciting high-tech jobs that are available to them if they choose to pursue a career and technical education program (CTE) while still in high school. Students in the CTE program will earn their diploma while learning skills that can lead to great paying jobs right here in the Upper Peninsula. They may even be able to earn college credit for the classes they take, so they’ll have a jump start on post-high school educational opportunities.

“When will this program begin and how do they enroll?”

Classes for the CTE program will begin in the Fall of 2007. To enroll in the program, students should visit with their guidance counselor when they sign up for Fall 2007 courses.

“How can we learn more?”

For more detailed information, visit our website at

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to learn how
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