

# West Side Career and Technology Center

The West Side Career and Technology Center is a full-time comprehensive technology school serving students in grades 9 through 12 from five member districts (Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Northwest Area, Wyoming Area, and Wyoming Valley West). A complete academic curriculum compliments the 15 career-technical programs that lead to immediate career or college admission. Our integrated competency-based curriculum provides a quality educational community in which students will learn academic, career, technical, and soft skills necessary to prepare them to be contributing members of our society, skilled members of the workforce, and responsible life-long learners prepared to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As part of the admission process, we invite students and their families to tour the facility during our annual open house. In addition, we highly encourage students to schedule a Shadow Day to meet our students and participate in daily CTE program activities. This allows students to experience one or more programs to determine first-hand if a program is a good fit for their future goals.

Please visit our website at <a href="www.wsctc.net">www.wsctc.net</a> or your guidance office to obtain an application to enroll. In order to be considered, students must complete sufficient credits to be promoted to ninth grade. However, students are not guaranteed their first career choice. The acceptance and placement process will be determined by, but not limited to, program availability, credit requirements, attendance, academic involvement, grades, and behavioral infractions and standardized test results.

In addition to offering hands-on technology that prepare students for immediate employment, WSCTC provides other opportunities for students to grow and develop. Our academic courses prepare students for college admission, and our Early College Program allows students to earn college credits during school hours or as part of after school offerings. Each CTE program also offers industry recognized credentials for students who qualify and co-curricular activities that are career related. Students may also participate in extra/co-curricular offerings at the sending district.

## **Part-Time Program**

Students may be eligible for part-time enrollment at West Side CTC. Students attend their home school for their academic classes and report to West Side CTC for career and technical training. Admission to this program is limited and a consultation with both schools is necessary to review academic standards and credits.

#### Students Occupationally and Academically Ready (SOAR)

The PA Department of Education supports career and technical education students aligning their CTE courses to a college program in order to complete a degree, diploma, or certificate. Information about earning advanced credits and statewide articulations can be viewed at <a href="https://www.collegetransfer.net">www.collegetransfer.net</a>.

### **Cooperative Education**

Qualifying juniors and seniors may wish to consider participating in the Cooperating Education Program. This program can provide a student the opportunity to be employed in an area within their program of study and earn wages while under the supervision of WSCTC Cooperative Education Coordinator. All WSCTC courses are eligible for participation, but students must meet specific

requirements, apply, and be accepted into the program. Cooperative Education guidelines established be the PA Department of Education will be followed.

## **Programs of Study Offered at West Side CTC:**

Auto Body Collision Repair Technology Early Childhood Education

Automotive Technology Electrical Technology

Business Marketing Health Related Technology

Carpentry H.V.A.C.

Computer Information Systems/Programming Law Enforcement/Police Science

Computer Networking and Maintenance Machine Tool Technology

Cosmetology (10th through 12th grade only)

Multi-Media Technologies

**Culinary Arts** 

Questions about specific programs of study at West Side CTC can be referred to the Guidance Counselor at 570-288-8493 ext. 126.