

# What Every Parent Should Know about Career and Technical Education

## Expand Student Options

### A Career and Technical Education program can:

- Show how reading, math, and science are used in career by relating academic subjects to the real world.
- Start college studies while in high school through dual enrollment with a community college.
- Add a new dimension to learning with “hands-on”, in addition to “eyes-on” activities – a more effective way of learning.

## Enhance Success in School

- Career and Technical programs teach the Arizona Academic Standards needed to be successful on the state graduation exam while enhancing students’ enjoyment of school.
- Academic Standards may come easier when taught in a Career and Technical program.

## Provide College Prep and Career Prep

- Career and Technical education blends rigorous academic content with technical skills in a hands-on setting so students find greater meaning and greater success in their studies.
- Career and Technical programs meet the entrance requirements of four-year colleges and universities while including skills employers are looking for.

## Challenge Student to Think

- Career and Technical students are challenged to apply theoretical knowledge – learned in academic and technical classrooms – to practical problems in laboratories or at worksites.
- This is a basic lifetime skill.

## Test Career Interests before College

- Career and Technical Education provides career focus as insurance for success in post secondary education.
- Before students invest in college, they can test their interest in areas such as health care, culinary arts, information technology, technical drawing, hospitality, teaching, child care, agriculture, business or biotechnology – just to mention a few.

## Help Pay for College

- Technical skills that focus on a specific career area help students get better higher paying jobs to meet the cost of college education.

## Broaden Lifelong work and Education Options

- Career and Technical programs prepare students for well-paying satisfying career even in nontraditional fields.

## Acquire Life Skills That Apply to Any Career

- Personal skills – such as self-confidence, self-awareness, good work habits, practical problem solving, punctuality, reliability, and teamwork – are essential in any career.
- Career and Technical programs instill the desire to learn because every student feels a sense of accomplishment.

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