

COURSE GUIDE

FOR LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Career clusters description

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2018-2019 Programs of Study for Grades 9-12

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8 Ways we're Ramping UP our career tech programs

1. A person focused on increasing CATE across the district

The district's put in place a district CATE director who's focus is ramping up our career and technology program – for students and schools districtwide.



The person, Rodney Miller, has extensive experience working at the state level with CATE programs and opportunities – and he knows how to grow them.

2. A push to work with business groups

We're working with the Economic Development Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce and the state Department of Commerce to get help connecting with businesses.



They also help us understand business and industry employment needs and opportunities for our students to learn on the job.

3. Creating more chances for work-based learning

We're partnering with local business to offer apprenticeships, mentorships, internships and work-based learning.



These partnerships give you a chance to get on-the-job experience as you learn the skills you'll need to be successful in your career.

4. Coordinating CATE around the district

We're studying CATE programs at all our schools to make sure our course offerings fit the needs of our students.

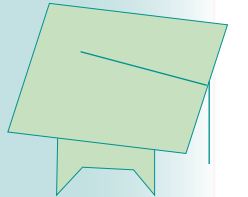
Our teachers are also working together to share ideas and resources to improve instruction and school-business connections.

5. Making sure employers know your skills

You need credentials that give you an advantage when you apply for jobs.

That's why you'll now have the chance to get national or state industry-recognized credentials to prove you've developed the skills you'll need in your career.

We're also working with the state to create new diploma requirements that acknowledge special skills you've built – diploma changes that also create core course options geared to develop skills for career goals.



6. Creating more space for career-tech courses

The building projects going on at all our high schools will make more space available for new career tech programs.

The new multipurpose centers include classroom space that will allow schools to free up space in their career centers for more career-tech courses, and the new Indian Land High will have more space for career-tech courses.



7. Upgrading equipment

We're aggressively seeking grants as well as local, state and federal funds to make sure you're learning on the latest equipment.

That means everything from upgrading computer programs to 3D printers to the latest electrical, auto and machine tool technology.



8. Increasing teacher training & collaboration

Our career-tech teachers are now taking part in the state CATE and business conference, giving them a chance to learn the latest in career-tech education.

We're also giving them more formal time to plan together and giving them more opportunities to train in new technologies and systems.

