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Valley Career and Technical Center
Options for HHS Juniors and Seniors

Overview

Highland County Public Schools is entering a partnership with Valley Career and Technical Center (VCTC) to offer Career Technical Education programs for our students. VCTC is one of the nine regional centers in Virginia. VCTC provides high-quality technical education and career preparation to meet the needs of today's high school students and adults. VCTC is jointly overseen by Augusta County, Staunton City, and Waynesboro City Public Schools and follows the Augusta County Public Schools calendar.

Valley Career and Technical Center offers 25 career programs at their Fishersville Campus. Most technical program classes are held in the morning for first-year students and in the afternoon for second year students. Most of the programs are designed to be two years in length; however, some require only one year. Additional information on VCTC is available at https://www.valleytech.us.

Eligible Students

Opportunities at VCTC will be open for all eligible rising junior and senior students. Juniors may consider available one- and two-year programs and seniors may consider available one-year morning programs. To be eligible for enrollment at VCTC, Highland High School students must meet the following criteria:

- Meet the academic requirements to be considered a junior or senior in the next academic year.
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.
- Be able to meet all required course graduation requirements with six available blocks as a junior and three available blocks as a senior.
- Meet attendance standards (12 or fewer absences, 5 or fewer unexcused absences, and 15 or fewer tardies during the previous school year)
- Have transportation available to Highland High School by 7:15 or the Stonewall Ruritan Building by 7:30 each morning.
- Be able to begin the instructional program on August 7, 2024 (Augusta County Public Schools' start date)

Each student applying to VCTC will need to secure a recommendation from Mrs. Obaugh, the school counselor, for admission to the program.

Transportation

Highland County Public Schools will provide daily transportation from Highland High School (7:15) or McDowell (7:30) each morning VCTC is in session. Students will need to be at their assigned pick-up

location at the appointed time to be sure they arrive at VCTC by 8:30. Classes begin at 8:45 a.m. VCTC will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. Students will be transported back to McDowell or Highland High School. Students with vehicles in McDowell will be expected to immediately travel to HHS for class.

Instruction and Graduation Requirements

All students participating in the VCTC program are able to earn three credits in their career or technical program annually. They will be able to earn three additional credits at Highland High School each year. Enrollment in the VCTC program does not change the course requirements for graduation. Before sharing a recommendation, Mrs. Obaugh will review each student's academic progress to assure on-time graduation.

Additional Information

All students with an interest in attending Valley Career and Center for the coming school year should contact Mr. Good (540-468-6305) or Mrs. Obaugh (540-468-6323).