

Cabrini High School Students and Parents Vocational Letter

Those of us that live in Michigan are more aware than any other state that many jobs that existed 15 years ago are no longer available or are not as popular. More are being created because of the advances of technology and our global economy.

I am well aware of this fact as I am that many of our students have skills and abilities that are not necessarily geared for a four year college education.

Over the past six months I have had the privilege to work with Mr. Christopher McCabe a graduate of Cabrini High School (2004) in developing a vocational section that we hope will provide valuable information to our students and parents in helping find alternative education to those just planning to go to a college/university.

Special thanks to Mr. Julio Reyes of JCR Data Services who without his help in creating the Vocational Section of the CDMP Website this effort would not be possible.

The Downriver Area has a long tradition of vocational and certified jobs that still exist but are difficult to find where skilled training schools and training exist.

A vocational school, also referred to as a trade school is one operated for the express purpose of giving its students the skills needed to perform a certain job or jobs. It is usually a post-secondary school, especially for schools (College Prep) like ours that do not provide a vocational program in high school.

Career and Trade schools can be expensive. They are usually privately owned and are in business to make a profit. Costs vary depending on the type and length of the program. In some cases, students may be eligible for financial aid.

Career and Trade school credits usually do not transfer because their requirements and the programs they offer vary tremendously.

Students should know that in most cases career or trade school classes/credits will not transfer to a college/university.

Please check out these schools/businesses carefully. While there are many excellent career and trade schools it is critical for parents and students to thoroughly look in to any school prior to giving any money or signature.

Our existing CDMP Vocational Process is centered on:

1. Providing a method to determine the likes and interests of the student.
2. Creating an atmosphere during the CDMP meetings that will assist the student in defining the skills needed to follow their likes and interests, and then building a plan that will provide “How” to become a ..., instead of just “What.”
3. Make available to our students a list of popular and informational write-ups on career options within their area of interest.
4. Giving a one page write-up on the certification and knowledge required to complete a vocational or trade school program.
5. Supply Bureau of Labor Statistics and the State of Michigan projections on job availability and earnings for the various occupations listed.
6. Listing various community colleges, trade unions and private and public institutions contact information for further knowledge in programs they offer for your student.
7. Furnish Web Links to immediately direct you to information to set up visits and get additional details.

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