

Career and Technical Education Pathways

The Technical College High School (TCHS) Pickering Campus is a public high school specializing in Career and Technical Education (CTE). Students in grades 9-12 may attend on a full or part-time basis. CTE programs prepare students for success in college, the workplace and life. Most CTE programs at TCHS are designated as High Priority Occupations (HPO) by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, and all are aligned with the Pennsylvania State Academic Standards and national certifications.



CTE programs lead seamlessly to postsecondary education through the Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) SOAR Programs of Study. The mission of SOAR is to prepare **S**tudents (who are) **O**ccupationally and **A**cademically **R**eady for college and careers in an increasingly diverse, high performing workforce. Graduates of the Pickering Campus' approved SOAR programs who meet challenging academic and technical criteria qualify for several **free** credits at over forty participating postsecondary institutions across Pennsylvania. These include the Pennsylvania College of Technology, Delaware County Community College, Montgomery County Community College, Clarion University, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and Harcum College. For more information about SOAR and the complete list of participating colleges and postsecondary programs visit:

http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/programs_of_study/7686/articulations/679190

“Get the credits you’ve already earned!” in the following SOAR programs: Automotive Collision Technology, Automotive Service Technology, Carpentry, Criminal Justice, Commercial & Graphic Arts, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Care & Education, Sustainable Energy Engineering, Electronics & Robotics, Engine Technology, and Health Occupations.

PDE-approved Tech Prep Programs at the Pickering Campus are also college pathways that connect to colleges and technical schools that offer credits for competencies achieved at the Pickering Campus. Tech Prep Programs are: Cosmetology and Animal Science.

In addition to the PDE-approved CTE programs, TCHS also offers two seniors-only college preparatory academies: Teacher Leadership Academy and Allied Health Science Technology.

For more information about all of the rigorous Career and Technical Education programs, seniors-only academies, and the application process for the Technical College High School Pickering Campus, please visit: <http://www.tchspickering.com>

Or contact the Admissions Specialist at 484-237-5325.

The Technical College High School is operated by the Chester County Intermediate Unit on behalf of Chester County's 12 public school districts.