

FAQ FOR CARPENTRY

Q: Is the Carpentry Program a good fit for my child?

A: This program is a good fit for anyone with a desire or interest to learn, regardless of their future education or career goals. Students from this program will gain theoretical knowledge and have hands-on experiences which will present many career options or assist in furthering their education. The course is designed so that students learn the fundamental skills to gain employment in the millwork and construction industries.

Q: If I come to SCVTHS as a shared-time student will I be able to meet all my graduation requirements?

A: Yes. SCVTHS works closely with all of our sending districts and sends them a list of the specific offerings per program so requirements do not get missed. We strongly encourage any shared-time student to meet with their sending district school counselor to review these classes. For programs that cannot be reduced from 120 minutes to 80 minutes, students may have to enroll in an online course to meet the high school graduation requirements.

Q: What certifications / college credit options are available for my child in the Carpentry program?

A: Students can earn up to 16 college credits through Thomas Edison State University in the following courses: Carpentry TEC 105, Construction Methods CET 102, Residential Construction Methods CET 150, Residential Construction Methods CET 151, Mathematics MAT 101

Students will be required to complete the CareerSafe OSHA 10-hour construction industry course and will receive an OSHA 10-hour construction Industry wallet card from the OSHA Training Institute.

Students will have the ability to validate skills with national Occupancy Certification Institute (NOCTI) certification. The workforce competency credential is issued for scores at or above the NOCTI criterion referenced cut score on an assessment.

Students upon their senior year will have the opportunity to purchase OSHA 30 Construction Industry Course which will also be wallet sized card from OSHA OSHA 30-Hour Outreach training benefits supervisors and workers with safety roles, including those in construction, manufacturing, factory operations, health care and more. Our OSHA 30 courses promote safe and healthful work environments by training workers to identify, predict and avoid hazards in the workplace.

Our OSHA 30-Hour Construction course is appropriate for workers who perform new construction, alterations or repairs. If the student is looking to become a supervisor in any industry other than construction, agriculture or maritime, OSHA considers you a general industry worker and recommends the OSHA 30-Hour General Industry course which either would be possible.

Q: Will my child gain a certificate at the time of graduation from SCVTHS?

A: Students in the Carpentry Program must complete a minimum of two years in order to gain school certification at the time of graduation. The certification identifies the skills mastered. The longer a student is enrolled in the Carpentry Program, more mastered skills will be identified.

Q: Will my child have the opportunity to work in the field?

A: Provided they meet criteria specified by our Pupil Services Department, Instructor, Cooperative Education Coordinator and CTE Supervisor, students have the opportunity to participate in the Cooperative Education program, which allows them to work with a local business in the Carpentry field while still earning high school credits

Q: What are the costs to the parents?

A: Students are required to have work boots and safety glasses while in the shop.

Q: How does the Carpentry Program work?

A: Students will apply to the program during their 8th grade, freshman, or sophomore year. Based on entrance exams, attendance records, grades, and discipline, students are admitted to the program as freshmen, sophomores, or, if space allows, as juniors with the option to attend Vo-Tech shared or full time. Please note that juniors will only be accepted if there is an opening that has not been filled by incoming ninth or tenth grade students.

Q: What are the requirements for entry?

A: Students must submit an application to our school prior to the deadline. Students must not have any major discipline incidences or excessive absences. Additionally, students must be in good academic standing. Any student who submits an application

will partake in our entrance testing. Students take an entrance exam for both English and Math. Students must score at least a 7.0 on both assessments.

Q: My child did not have any major discipline incidents, excessive absences, and is in good academic standing, however, they scored below the required 7.0 on the admission testing. Is there anything they can do to receive a spot in the program?

A: Any student who scored below a 7.0 and has additional information that would impact the decision should write an appeal.

Q: How does my child get to Vo-Tech?

A: Transportation is provided by the sending district. Questions about transportation may be directed to the transportation department at the sending district.

Q: What clubs/activities can my child be part of?

A: Any student attending Vo-Tech shared or full time will have the opportunity to participate in any club that we offer. For students attending full time, if Vo-Tech does not offer a club you are interested in, then you can partake in it at your sending district.