



## **Attention Grade 8 - Your Future Awaits**

Woburn Memorial High School (WMHS) has some new hands-on, student-centered opportunities for you. Join one of the two Innovation Pathways (IP) at WMHS this September 2021. WMHS is one of 42 high schools across the Commonwealth to receive Governor Baker's Innovation Pathway designation. Incoming ninth-graders will have the opportunity to enter either the Advanced Manufacturing or Biotechnology Pathways.

### **What is an Innovation Pathway?**

The Innovation Pathway (IP) program is part of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's High-Quality College, and Career Pathways initiative developed to close skill and achievement gaps. WMHS program design includes the following:

- Provide students with a pathway of classes designed to create a student's college or career opportunities in a high-demand industry
- Provide students with rigorous academics, and completion of all state and local graduation requirements
- Create opportunities for career exposure and development
- Students acquire transferable skills
- Working collaboratively with local employers, MassHire, and MetroNorth Workforce Board
- Industry partners work with students on some class projects - directly relevant to the workplace and college
- Real-world experience, post-secondary planning, and future college/career options
- Opportunities to tour, job shadow, intern, receive advice from people currently employed in the industry and learn soft skills from employers (resume, interview etiquette, writing emails)

### **Interested?**

Over the next several weeks, the WMHS IP program will hold informational sessions for interested parents and students. Additionally, middle school students will have the opportunity to hear from current pathway students, attend live-streamed pathway classes, and attend Q & A sessions. Check your weekly newsletter for information and updates. A middle and high school teacher committee will participate in outreach for our middle school students before 9th-grade course registration.

You can find detailed information at [DESE Innovation Pathways](#) and [WMHS IP Webpage](#). Please send questions to Kim Gustenhoven, IP Coordinator, [kgustenhoven@woburnps.com](mailto:kgustenhoven@woburnps.com).