



Celebrating Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) month and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) are encouraging students, schools, parents, and educators to discover the high standards, innovation, and excellence offered through the state's CTE programs.

"Career and Technical Education introduces students to workplace expectations for knowledge and technical skills through a blend of classroom instruction and hands-on experiences," said Governor Tony Evers.

More than 1,200 Wisconsin Rapids Public School students in grades 6-12 are taking CTE courses in fields such as agriculture, business, family and consumer science, health occupations, marketing, technology and engineering. Our comprehensive CTE program provides increased opportunities for students to find a viable route to a rewarding career. We provide multiple pathways for students to prepare for diploma and apprenticeship programs, technical college degrees, and industry certifications as well as four-year degree programs and other career training options.

Superintendent Craig Broeren is proud of the work that educators and students are doing in the realm of CTE, stating, "WRPS has a strong CTE program with exceptional educators to help connect students to areas of interest that support their potential future career path choice while strengthening their skills and knowledge as they prepare for either direct entry into the workforce and/or post-secondary pursuits. I can't say enough about the mutual support and collaboration taking place between WRPS and local business and industry leaders."

City of Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Shane Blaser signed a Proclamation on February 1st in support of CTE month which recognizes how these programs foster innovation, productivity, entrepreneurship and stimulate growth and vitality in both the local and national economy.

CTE in Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools and the Wisconsin Rapids community is thriving. Currently, WRPS has partnered with over 100 local business and industry professionals to engage students in School-to-Career programs and advise educators on current workforce needs and trends.

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