Career & Technical Education Department April 2025

Priorities

- ✓ **Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.
- Priority 3: Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.

Board Goals for 2023-2028

Goal 3*: The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. (HB3 Required Goal)

CTE Program Updates: Focus Industry Based Certifications - CCMR

- Pharmacy Tech Students are signing up for their certification exams. These students will go to a testing center in San Antonio and sit for the test, Mrs. Strempel will take them on that test date. They will test on April 25th at 9:15 at the UTSA campus Pearson Vue testing center.
- CCMA students (20) are signing up for their certification test. Their test can be given on campus with a proctor. Mrs. Strempel will be the proctor. We are planning on May 7th as the testing date. Followup: Testing date will be 5/7 for the CCMA exam through NHA.
- Mr. Sewell certified 58 Ag Mechanics students that earned their Welding IBC. Mr. Sewell is certified through Certified Welding and Testing to be the instructor to run the certification process.
- PTECH students will be IBC testing for the following: CompTIA A + Core 1 (21) or Core 2 (21) and Networking + (15). We are not an approved testing site for CompTIA so Mr. Beliveau will take groups of 7 students to Texas State University to sit for their IBC exams.
- Ms. Casey is preparing to certify 18 Arts & A/V students in Adobe Pro +. She is working with Mrs. Gissendanner to ensure technology is set up per the testing entity specifications and to proctor the certification exams on campus.
- Mrs. Forister will be certifying 5 Accounting 2 students with the NOCTI Fundamentals of Accounting IBC. She worked to find an IBC that better fit her students' needs and reflected the content they learn in class. NOCTI exams are all on the approved IBC listing and they are very cost effective.
- Ms. Weller is preparing 40 of her Floral Design students to take the Benz School of Floral Design Principles of Floral Design certification exam. This IBC does allow our floral design students the ability to be more employable in all aspects of floral design. All of these students can apply for paid internships through HEB and other floral industry partners.
- Our Livestock Production students (18) will be taking the Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science certification exam this spring. Currently, they are preparing for the IBC exam completing the pre exam test prep modules.

Industry Based Certifications do count towards a student becoming college, career and military ready and all students in



CTE programs of study have the opportunity to take the IBC exams offered in their respective program of study. For our spring IBC's if all CTE students pass their respective IBC exam we would have an additional 218 students receive their CCMR credit. A final total of earned Industry Based Certifications for the 2024-25 school year will be shared once all certifications are accounted for and earned. Moving forward, all IBC's will be reviewed alongside course curriculum to find the best IBC fit for each program of study we offer our students.