





Central Education Foundation

History:

The Central 301 Education Foundation was established in January 2008 as the first organization of its kind in our community. Since its inception, the Foundation has been dedicated to enriching, enhancing, and supporting the educational experience within Central District 301. From the beginning, our mission has been to promote excellence in education and to help prepare district students for success in college, careers, and beyond.

Mission:

We foster community-wide support for innovative programs and equitable opportunities benefiting all District 301 students, teachers, and staff. By identifying and distributing alternative resources, we aim to empower educators to create dynamic learning environments that inspire and engage students.



Programs We Support

Ongoing Programs	Fundraisers Past, Present and Future
 Incubator Program Vet Tech Mobile Maker Scholarships Educator Grants 	 Trivia with a Twist Back to the Hill Barnes and Noble Book Fair Coming Soon: Boots & Barns Bash





CHS Student and Parent Survey

The Foundation is dedicated to finding innovative ways to enhance and financially support curriculum-based programs throughout our district. In collaboration with the Central High School Athletic Division, we recently conducted a survey to better understand student and parent interest in potential future programs.

The survey received strong engagement, with **726** students and **322 parents** participating and selecting their top three areas of interest. The results highlighted strong interest in Culinary Arts and Digital Marketing/Graphic Design.



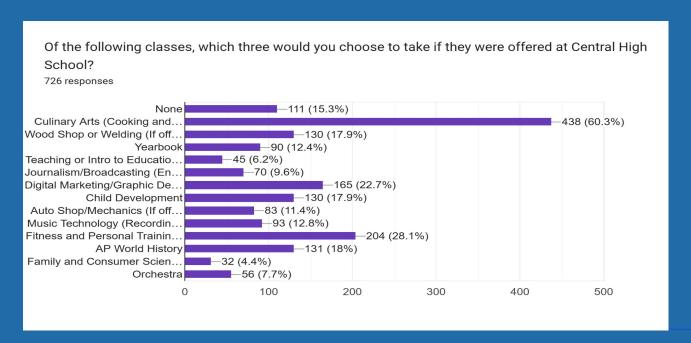




Student Results

Top programs high school students would like to see added to the CHS curriculum

- Culinary Arts
- Fitness and Personal Training
- Digital Marketing and Graphic Design

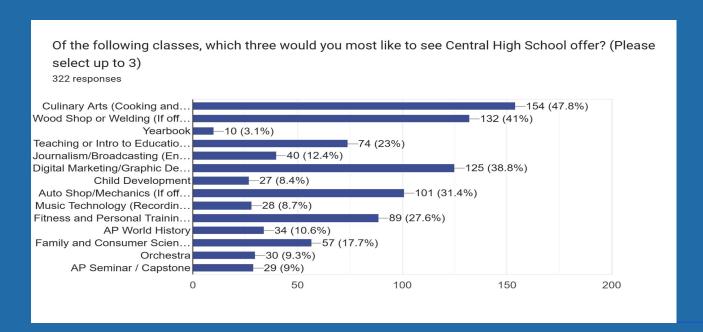




Parent Results

Top programs HS parents would like to see added to the CHS curriculum

- Culinary Arts
- Wood Shop or Welding
- Digital Marketing and Graphic Design





Next Steps

Survey Highlights

- Students' Top 3: Culinary Arts · Digital Marketing/Graphic Design · Personal Fitness & Training
- Parents' Top 3: Culinary Arts · Digital Marketing/Graphic Design · Woodshop/Welding
- Clear alignment on Culinary Arts and Digital Marketing/Graphic Design

District Collaboration

- Partner with district leadership to assess program feasibility
- Identify opportunities for pilot programs and curriculum integration

Foundation Support

- Provide **financial and community resources** to help launch programs
- Explore grants, partnerships, and fundraising initiatives

Implementation Roadmap

- Define short- and long-term goals
- Establish timelines, staffing, and facility needs
- Monitor progress and share outcomes with the community





The Foundation remains committed to supporting innovative, career-focused programs that enrich learning across District 301.