

VAN DYKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CTE BENEFITS

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM DO FOR STUDENTS?

By Amber Keen

The CTE program at Lincoln High School offers many benefits to students with each course providing their own opportunities, whether it's CAD, Manufacturing, Auto, Dental Assisting or Culinary.

During the year, field trips and connection opportunities are offered, such as this year's Manufacturing Day field trips that both the CAD and Manufacturing classes went on in Oc-

tober.

Certification opportunities are also available to all students, for example: Culinary SERV Safe, CAD's modeling certifications, or Dental Assisting students can earn CPR, OSHA and NELDA certifications; opening doors before they graduate.

For the seniors who want to get a head start in the field before they graduate, there is an option for a co-op placement with one of the program's partners; or students are allowed to find

employment on their own spending half of the day at school and the rest at their workplace.

As for underclassmen, though they are unable to participate in co-op yet, they still get hands-on training, instructions, and guidance from their teacher to prepare them for employment within the field.

Right: Manufacturing teacher Mr. Winter helps a student with their classwork.



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CAD program reported from a student's perspective

How do students benefit from or appreciate the programs?

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With my experience as a student in the CAD program at Lincoln High School, it has been helpful for preparing for work and has made me excited to start working.

Before starting CAD, I had heard about the class and thought that it would be a fun course, along with helping me in the future for my degree or employment. After talking with Mr. Cook (CAD instructor), I became extremely interested in the course and after starting it, it became one of my favorite classes. The field trips were a bonus as well, since they gave me insight into what the career would be like.

Designing real-world products, like a fence post cap, is an exciting experience. Building the product in real time, the process of

trial and error, followed by getting it just right, gives you a sense of accomplishment. It's even better to hear months later that the product is not only working

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but exceeding expectations. It's a rewarding reminder of the impact good design can have.

Many of my friends and other students in the other CTE programs feel the same way or have at least been satisfied with the classes they took, even if they decided it wasn't the direction for them.

Nearah Reeves, a current student in the culinary class said, "The teachers are very nice and friendly; we have something to work on every week and it's nice to have firsthand experience being in the kitchen."

Logan Vang, a former Dental Assisting student said the following: "I had a lot of fun being in the den-

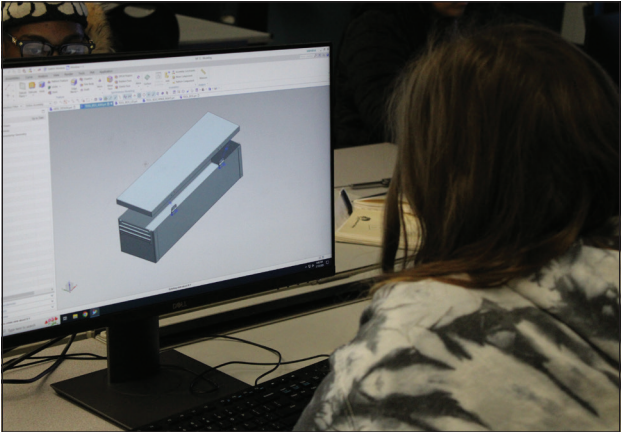
tal class during my time there. The teacher was very supportive of everyone in her class, ensuring responsibility and care for us. It's a definite recommendation to be in the CTE building."

Shaun Gianino, a third-year designer, highlights the importance participating in CTE programs, stating: "The more you learn, the more you earn. The CTE programs provide a plethora of support and opportunities for students to succeed in their lives, even before high school ends. I have had multiple opportunities presented to me even prior to graduation, due to my experiences within the programs. I'd highly recommend participating in expert-level industry knowledge and a chance to receive a co-op employment."



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Culinary students remove chicken from a brine and prepare it to be cooked.



CAD students are shown designing a tool box for a design contest.



Dental students preparing for a dental lab.



Auto students are shown participating in automotive repair.

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