

Family Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2024
Administration Building – Room 123C

Michelle Radke, the Director of Post Secondary Readiness spoke to us about preparing students for their post-secondary education and training through the CTE program (**CTE- career and technical education courses**). The goal of the CTE program starts at the elementary level all the way up to high school through career exposure awareness to create access and opportunity for students.

The goal is to expose elementary students to be **aware** of their career and training choices, middle school students to **explore** them and high school students to have the opportunity to **experience** them. This program is undergoing a continuous improvement process which includes attempting to create more partnerships with our local business communities.

The CTE Program is redefining ready indicators, to use more than standardized test scores to help students decide if they are **College or Career Ready** by bridging the gap between classroom and practical education.

5 Phase Process

1. Evaluation
2. Research and Recommendation
3. Action Planning
4. Implementation
5. Inform and Refine

Goals and Improvements

- Create more local partnerships with Eau Claire Business Communities
- Create a better course catalog for students and parents
- Find more ways to reach the economically disadvantaged students
- Find more ways to reach students with disabilities - (Currently Life without Limits)

Stats and Facts

- A student is considered at CTE Participant if they have taken 1 CTE course
- Carl Perkins is a big fundraiser source and the CTE Incentive Grant
- 77% of Students took 1 CTE course- those students are called Participants
- 82% (of the 77%) took a 2nd CTE course, those students are called Concentrators
- Some CTE courses do give college credit and unlike Advance Placement Courses they do not need to test out



CTE courses give career pathways, which help give students and parents...

- Guidance and Clarity
- Skills and Development and Employability
- Personal skills and interests, values, guide their passion and strength

There are 16 career pathways but currently the most common pathway courses in our region for the CTE program regionally are: **Agriculture, Architecture & Construction, Business Management, Education and Training, Health Science and Manufacturing.** Pathways needs at least 2 courses in a sequence, an introductory and an advanced course.

There is a youth apprenticeship program, but only 40 students have participated.

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Prock

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