

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAM PLACEMENT

All ninth graders who enroll in McCann Technical School are required to participate in the vocational technical Exploratory Program. This program provides each student an awareness of the opportunities associated in all nine majors, including those that would prepare them for careers that are non-traditional for their gender. The Stanford Achievement Test Series, tenth edition, is used to assess each student's academic knowledge and skills, and the Strategies for Success program assesses each student's learning style, aptitude, and interest. In addition, students will become aware of program requirements, opportunities for employment, and further education/training required.

The Exploratory Program consists of two phases. In Phase I, students will explore vocational technical majors for two and one-half days. In Phase II, students will select their top three areas of interest and their guidance counselor, in concert with the student, will select one additional program. The students will once again spend two and one-half days in the four selected majors, exploring each one in greater depth.

Students are evaluated and scored (0-100 points) by each vocational-technical teacher. At the end of this exploratory period, each student selects their program of choice, as well as a second and third choice from the nine explored majors. Students are admitted into the major of their choice based on the combined point total they received. If a student is not admitted to their first choice, they will be admitted to their second choice based upon the combined scores. This selection process will continue until all students have selected a major.

Students who enroll in McCann Technical School after grade nine may explore vocational technical majors that have openings before making a program selection. Students are evaluated and graded by each vocational teacher during this exploration. If the number of applicants seeking a particular technical major exceeds the number of openings, the grades received by the students are rank ordered to determine who will be placed in a particular technical major.