



Announcing NEW Career Technical Education programs!

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Dear parents and guardians,

As you may know, Massachusetts faces a shortage of well-educated and skilled employees within science, technology, engineering and math-related (STEM) fields. In an effort to close that gap, Governor Baker has made funds available to strengthen existing and develop new Career Technical Education programs to train the next generation of STEM professionals.

Haverhill High School, having been awarded over \$200k from Governor Baker's initiatives, is proud to announce that it is launching two new Career Technical Education (CTE) programs for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

CTE programs are sequence of **rigorous** technical courses aligned with industry standards. Students travel together as a cohort. College and career planning activities and work-based learning opportunities are embedded into all programs.

As a comprehensive high school and a **leader in STEM education**, HHS is able to offer a wider variety of technical courses than smaller private schools. Additionally, HHS offers rigorous **Advanced Placement®** courses and concurrent enrollment opportunities for those students interested in attending highly competitive universities and colleges. Alternatively, students will be positioned to complete post-secondary certificate programs or immediately enter the high-demand STEM workforce.

The two new programs are:

- **Healthcare Occupations**
Healthcare workers make a positive impact on patient's lives by providing clinical support to a healthcare team in medical offices and clinics. They provide direct patient care, collect and prepare lab specimens, perform basic tests and update medical records. Students may be eligible for professional certifications such as EMT or CNA.
- **Programming & Web Development**
Programmers use algorithms and logic to design, write, test and debug code that is used to control computer systems. Web developers use code to control the behavior of websites.

Enclosed you will find a fact sheet about each program. Applications will be accepted through July 30, 2016. For more information about the application process, visit www.haverhill-ps.org and click the Career Technical Education link.

Please contact us with any questions at cte@haverhill-ps.org.

Regards,

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