Omaha Public Schools

Career Education

preparing students for both College & Careers
The Career Center offers career oriented courses for OPS sophomores, juniors and seniors—these programs are not available in OPS High Schools. Career Center programs include: Automotive, Auto Body, Digital Video Production, Commercial Design, Construction, Culinary Skills, Electrician, Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, UNMC Health Alliance High School, Photography, Motor Sports Repair, Welding, and Zoology.

OPS Career Education Dual Enrollment programs enhance and diversify high school curricula, increase access to higher education, improve high school and college relationships, shorten time to a degree, and lower the cost of college for students. OPS currently has over 40 Career Education dual enrolled course with Metro Community College, University of Nebraska–Omaha, and Creighton University.
**Work Based Learning Opportunities**

OPS Career Education students have the opportunity to participate in work based learning opportunities for credit and compensation. Work based learning opportunities provide students with real world experiences and opportunities to apply academic and technical skills that were learned in their CE Programs of Study. Students can explore career pathways, earn OPS credit, and network for potential careers.

Work based learning opportunities are available in the Business and Marketing programs of study. Additional opportunities are being developed to expand opportunities for students.

**Student Certifications**

Omaha Public Schools offers industry student certifications that students can obtain in a program of study. Over 325 students obtained industry certifications during the 2014-2015 school years. The following industry certifications are available to students:

- **Automotive** – Safety Pollution Prevention (SP2), Today’s Class
- **Auto Collision** – Safety Pollution Prevention (SP2)
- **Motor Sport Repair** – Safety Pollution Prevention (SP2)
- **EMT** – National Registry of EMT
- **CNA** – C.N.A. Exam for Long Term Care
- **Construction** – O.S.H.A. 10hr training
- **Athletic Training** – Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
- **Culinary Arts** – Serve Safe Food Protection Manager
- **Transportation/Warehousing** – Forklift Operation
- **Information Technology** – Microsoft Certification

**Career Academics**

Career Academies are small learning communities established at the high school level that use career strands as an organizing framework.

- **Benson High Magnet School** – Health & Wellness, Construction and Design, Business
- **Bryan High School** – Urban Agriculture, Transportation, Distribution and Logistics
- **Burke High School** – Air and Space, Focus (Leadership, Information Technology, Communication)
- **North High Magnet School** – Engineering
- **Northwest High Magnet School** – Law, Public Safety and Security
- **South High Magnet School** – Information Technology

**Student Organizations**

Career Student Organizations (CSO) provide essential opportunities for students to develop and refine the skills required in their chosen occupational area. Student conferences, competitions, workshops, community service, and other activities make education more enjoyable and effective. CSOs may be fully integrated into the instructional program as a supplement to regular classroom instruction. When properly planned and conducted, CSO activities strengthen learning in the classroom.

OPS offers the following CSO’s: SkillsUSA (trades), DECA (marketing), FBLA (business), FFA (agriculture), HOSA (health), FEA (education), and FCCLA (Family and Consumer Sciences).
2014-2015 career education statistics

82.6% of Omaha Public School's 20,874 secondary students enrolled in at least one Career Education Course

The students enrolled in Omaha Public Schools Career Education programs closely reflect the demographics of the District as a whole.

- African-American: 25.2% (OPS – Secondary: 25.7%)
- Caucasian: 30.5% (CE – Secondary: 31.0%)
- Hispanic: 32.5% (CE – Secondary: 33.1%)
- Multi-racial: 5.2% (OPS – Secondary: 5.3%)
- Native American: 1.1% (OPS – Secondary: 1.1%)
- Asian American: 4.6% (OPS – Secondary: 3.7%)
- Pacific Islander: 0.1% (OPS – Secondary: 0.1%)
- Free/Reduced Lunch: 71.4% (OPS – Secondary: 69.6%)
- ELL: 6.2% (OPS – Secondary: 4.1%)
- Special Ed: 17.4% (OPS – Secondary: 15.2%)

Graduation Rate of CE Concentrators

OPS Career Education Concentrators: 97.22%

Nebraska State Goal for Career Education Concentrators: 90.0%

Graduation Rate - percentage of Career Education Concentrators who were included as graduates in the graduation rate calculation for adequate yearly progress (AYP) for the State of Nebraska.

OPS Career Education Concentrators are 12th grade students who have completed at least three sequential courses within a particular career education program during their high school career.

- 60.4% of OPS 12th grade students are CE Concentrators
- 80.1% Earned an A or B in at least one of their CE Concentrator courses
- 89.4% CE Concentrators graduating from high school in 2014 were participating in post secondary education and/or were employed

1,802 individual 12th grade students were identified as CE Concentrators in the 2014-15 program year.

- 42.2% attending 4 year college
- 24.0% employed
- 1.4% in the military
- 21.8% attending 2 year college
OPS Career Education offers the below listed Programs of Study

**Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources**
- principals of Agricultural, Food and Natural Resources
- Foods and Nutritional Systems

**Health Sciences**
- Therapeutic Services
- Diagnostic Services
- Biotechnology Research and Development

**Human Services**
- Human Food Development and Behavior
- Counseling and Mental Health
- Early Childhood Development and Services
- Textiles
- Human Nutrition

**Education & Training**
- Education and Teaching Training
- Education and Teaching Early Childhood

**Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security**
- Law, Public Safety and Security

**Business Management & Administration**
- High School of Business
- Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Law

**Information Technology**
- Information Technology
- Network Systems and Cyber Security
- Programming and Software Development
- Gaming
- Web and Digital Communications

**Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications**
- Journalism and Broadcasting
- Visual Arts

**Finance**
- Financial Management
- Accounting
- National Academy of Finance

**Marketing**
- Marketing

**Hospitality & Tourism**
- Restaurants, Food and Beverage Services, Culinary

**Architecture & Construction**
- CAD Design Engineering
- Construction Academy

**Energy & Engineering**
- Electrical Systems and Technology
- Engineering Technology
- Project Lead the Way

**Manufacturing**
- Robotics
- Industrial Materials and Processes

**Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics**
- Automotive
- Automotive Collision
- Motor Sports and Repair
- Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations

**Entrepreneurship**

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