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Options and Aspirations

In today's rapidly evolving economy, it's natural to wonder about the best path to ensure your teenager's future success. Career and Technical Education (CTE) offers a compelling alternative with promising job prospects.

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) sector, vital for economic growth and innovation, is currently facing a significant challenge: a widening skills gap. This gap refers to the discrepancy between the skills employers need and the skills available in the workforce. In CTE fields, this translates to a shortage of skilled workers in crucial industries such as healthcare, technology, and advanced manufacturing.

Several factors contribute to this skills gap. Firstly, technological advancements and automation are quickly transforming industries. This rapid pace of change requires workers with up-to-date technical skills and adaptability to keep up with the changing demands.

Secondly, an aging workforce is causing the skills gap to widen. As experienced workers retire, they take with them valuable knowledge and expertise that are not easily replaced. Additionally, negative perceptions about CTE careers and a lack of awareness about their potential can discourage young people from pursuing these paths, further contributing to the skills gap.

The consequences of the skills gap in CTE careers are far-reaching. For businesses, it can lead to decreased productivity, innovation, and competitiveness. It can also hinder their ability to expand and create new jobs. For individuals, it can result in unemployment or underemployment, as well as missed opportunities for fulfilling and well-paying careers.

Given the current job market, CTE career fields with promising job prospects include those in **healthcare** (such as nursing, medical assisting, and phlebotomy), **technology** (such as cybersecurity, programming, and network administration), and **advanced manufacturing** (such as welding, machining, and automation). While most of these career paths require some post secondary training or education, many alternatives exist for students who do not choose to pursue a 4 year degree at a university or college.

Woodland School District maintains strong relationships with ...

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... Cascadia Technical Academy and Lower Columbia College. Both of these institutions offer strong, specialized course options in a wide range of CTE fields. Two of the Cascadia programs - Education and Pre Electrical Trades - are hosted at Woodland School District properties and boast strong enrollments from Woodland students. Currently, Woodland High School offers in-house programs in Floral Management, Horticulture, Culinary Arts, Metals, and Business. In looking to the future, our goal is to expand offerings in Metals and Construction Trades and Business and Finance. As your student begins forecasting for their courses next spring, be sure to ask them about their options in CTE.

Forecasting Season

Over the next 6 - 10 weeks, staff will begin working with the 8th through 11th graders on forecasting for next year's classes. It seems like it comes earlier every year, but really, it doesn't. Time just moves more quickly every year!

Here are the things your students will be doing over the coming weeks to prepare for next year's course scheduling. In mid February, teachers will begin preparing course recommendations for students by subject area. In many cases, students will be involved in creating those course recommendations. In late February, students will work with their GRIT teachers to identify potential courses for next year. Shortly before spring break, students will discuss their identified course plans with parents and guardians as a part of their Student Led Conferences.

Winter Sports Update

Winter Sports are entering the second half of league play. Please come out and join us for a game or two! Please consider supporting our programs as our seniors wind down their Winter sports careers:

Boys Basketball: Friday 1/24 @ 7:30pm

Boys & Girls Wrestling: Thursday 1/30 @ 6:00pm

Girls Basketball: Tuesday 2/4 @ 7:30pm

Cheer: Tuesday 2/4 @ 7:30pm

Dance & Drill: Friday 2/7 @ 7:30pm

Helpful Information Links

ATHLETICS: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/95>, <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/48>

- For updated information and sport schedules: <https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=26210>, <https://whsbeavers.com/>
- Check updates on Twitter (WHS Athletics) or Facebook (Woodland High School Athletics).

BELL SCHEDULE: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/6812>

CELL PHONE POLICY & Personally Owned Electronic Devices: This is NEW, please read

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e5NOTyuZyvACIHbmbMZelv5iNp840daCSmsU0vBj9bY/edit>
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lwweiFdrHUTVIRIMBRegerWHM71DESKnkdS2_4EQPDo/edit#heading=h.gjdgx

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/59>, <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/203>

- Latino & Spanish speaking families: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/341>

COUNSELING: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/99>

- Career Pathways <https://sites.google.com/woodlandschools.org/whs-curriculum-handbook/pathways?authuser=0>
- Financial Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>, <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/108>

DIGITAL RESOURCES: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/116>

FOOD SERVICES: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/45>

FOOD MENU: <https://woodlandschooldistrict.nutrislice.com/menu/woodland-high-school>

HEALTH DESK: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/21>

- Parents - If your child has a life-threatening health condition that requires rescue medication, medication orders and an updated care plan should be in place. If you have any questions you can reach our district nurse, Kerri Six at sixk@woodlandschools.org or 360-841-2837.

INSTAGRAM:

- ASB - follow us for the daily bulletin and all current school events @woodlandhsasb
- Principal Pearson - follow for shout outs "we are beavers in action" @woodlandhsa

TECH SUPPORT: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/195>, <https://www.woodlandschools.org/home-tech-support>

- Chromebooks issues, see Powerwashing a Chromebook <https://sites.google.com/woodlandschools.org/student-parent-tech-resources/powerwashing-a-chromebook?authuser=0>

YEARBOOK & PICTURES: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/117>



SENIORS - VERY IMPORTANT LINKS - These pages are updated often as information becomes available - CHECK OFTEN

- Here is a link to the Senior Information Page on our District Website <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/124>
- Here is a link to the Yearbook & Pictures Page on our District Website <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/117>

DID YOU ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN PACKAGE? See all emails from bowmans@woodlandschools.org (Sheri Bowman) and see the links above often!

VERY IMPORTANT JANUARY 14 DEADLINE: Senior Portrait submission for the yearbook, see links above.

VERY IMPORTANT FEBRUARY 3 DEADLINE: Senior Baby Ads for the yearbook, see links above.



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 7, 2025

Contact: Andria Terry
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Woodland High School DECA recognized for Achievement Level Chapter Campaign

Woodland, WA – Woodland High School DECA was recently awarded the Thrive Level Campaigns for the 2024-2025 school year. The results were announced on [decairect.org](https://deca.org/deca-direct).

Each fall, DECA recognizes leading chapters that have built strong local programs focused on serving an exceptional number of members, advisors, alumni and business partners. These chapters and individuals dedicate their year to academic and career preparation, community service projects, membership recruitment, school outreach activities and other DECA-related endeavors. The chapter's advisor and student leaders have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to DECA.

DECA's membership campaign is designed to help chapters grow by making the DECA experience available to more student members, keeping alumni involved and engaging professional members such as administrators, teachers, parents and business partners.

DECA's promotional campaign provides chapter members an opportunity to share with their school and community what DECA is all about and how their chapter is making a positive impact on its members and community.

In DECA's community service campaign, chapters held a community service activity, engaged at least 75% of its members, and created at least one form of publicity or promotion.

Of the 4,127 DECA chapters, only 1,000 chapters earned recognition in DECA's chapter campaigns and only 1,214 chapters earned recognition in DECA's membership campaign.

The DECA chapter advisor at Woodland High School is Andria Terry.

About DECA Inc.

DECA is a career and technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs with a career interest in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. DECA student members leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. DECA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with over 287,000 members in 4,000 high school and college chapters in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Germany.

For more information about DECA, visit www.deca.org.



WOODLAND HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

Cupid's Ball

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WOODLAND
HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

TICKET \$25

1ST FEBRUARY 7:30 - 10:00PM

DETAILS

- No entry after the start of the dance.
- If you drive or get picked up and choose to leave early, you CANNOT return to the dance.
- No refunds. \$25 per ticket, per person. Sales will be announced at the HS, sold during lunch & sold at the door for the same price (at the door - cash or check to WHS only).
- No snacks or drinks will be sold. You can bring your own, they will be held and inspected at coat check, and monitored when in use.
- Semi Formal.

Woodland High School Guest Dance Pass

To: Students and guests planning to attend a Woodland High School dance.

This dance is a school-sponsored activity. School and district policies will be fully enforced, especially those related to drugs, alcohol and vaping. Anyone found to be under the influence or in the possession of drugs, alcohol or vaping paraphernalia will be referred to the local police as required by state law. Suspension from school is automatic. You and your guest will need to follow all school policies and *both* of you will be asked to leave the dance if *either* of you don't follow the rules.

My signature indicates that I fully understand these rules and that the information will be shared with my date. This pass must be turned in to purchase a ticket to the dance.

WHS student's name and grade: _____

WHS student's signature: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Guest's name: _____

Guest's school: _____

Guest's grade and birthdate: _____

Guest's home phone: _____

Guest's parent's signature: _____

Each guest must be accompanied by a student from Woodland High School. One guest allowed per WHS student. All persons attending must show valid picture identification to be admitted to the dance. Guests must be at least 9th graders and no older than 20 years of age. Woodland High School has the right to refuse admittance to anyone.

This additional information is required for guests that are students at a school other than Woodland High School.

The student listed above is a student in good standing at our school. (S)he has had no significant behavioral or disciplinary issues while attending our school.

Signature of Activities Director / Asst Principal
School where guest student attends

Written name of Act. Director / Asst Principal

Work phone number: _____

Woodland High School Approval: _____
(Dr. Pearson or Mr. Lindsay)

Dance passes must be filled out in advance by the guest school and family before WHS will sign. They are in the HS office.

School Board Meetings - January 9 & 23, 2025 at 6:30

ALL TEACHERS CAN BE REACHED BY email using the following format: first seven letters of their last name & first initial of first name
@woodlandschools.org (Ex: pearsonp@woodlandschools.org)
Woodland High School 1500 Dike Access Road Woodland, WA 98674-9498,
Main Line 360-841-2800 Fax: 360-841-2801
Dr. Phillip Pearson, Principal ~ Michael Lindsay, Assistant Principal

Woodland Public School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Vicky Barnes, Title IX Officer, Civil Rights Coordinator, and Affirmative Action Officer, 800 Second St. Woodland, WA 98674, barnesv@woodlandschools.org, (360) 841-2702 Jake Hall, 504 Coordinator, 800 Second St. Woodland, WA 98674, hallj@woodlandschools.org, (360) 841-2725. You can report discrimination and discriminatory harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Civil Rights Coordinator, listed above. You also have the right to file a complaint. For a copy of your district's nondiscrimination policy and procedure, contact your school or district office or view it online at www.woodlandschools.org.

District Vision Statement: Woodland Public Schools, in partnership with its community, will create a PreK-12 system that serves and supports ALL children and ensures EACH child has FULL access to, is engaged in, and obtains an excellent education that prepares them for responsible citizenship and a future of adaptability and success in life and their chosen endeavors.

District Calendar: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/storage/file/44/2023-24%20Calendar%20Final.pdf>
Woodland High School Calendar of Events: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/92>



Woodland Beaver Boosters

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@beaver_hs

The District does not sponsor this event and the District assumes no responsibility for it. In consideration of the privilege to distribute materials, the Woodland School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials, including costs, attorney's fees and judgments or awards.

**JANUARY 2025
NON-SCHOOL DAYS**

**1-3 - Winter Break & New
Years**

20 - MLK Jr. Day holiday

27 - Semester Break Day