

## Career Life and College Readiness through Career and Technical Education Programs

### Career Readiness Efforts

- WHS Career Fair - Second annual event hosting over 70 companies for our 9-12 students.
  
- CTE Program Efforts - Ensuring CTE courses have articulation agreements - This year we are adding articulation agreements for our Horticulture courses.
  
- Partnership with the SW Washington STEM Work Group -
  - K-6 Career Awareness for Grades K-5 - This workgroup is coordinating resources and offering support to K-5 classrooms. The focus is to provide increased awareness of STEM careers in SW Washington.
  
  - 6-12 Career Exploration and Prep - This work group is coordinating and supporting career exploration opportunities similar to our career fair. At this time they are focusing on various curricular resources that embed opportunities to explore STEM careers.
  
  - Pathways and Articulations Workgroup - This workgroup is a regional effort to better connect our CTE programs to local community colleges. Acquiring articulation agreements for our CTE programs can pose challenges as community colleges have varied procedures and complex processes. The CTE directors in the region requested this workgroup to specifically partner with Lower Columbia College and Clark College.

### CTE Course Planning -

- Assessment Bill [1599](#) - Students now have two options to pass their state assessment graduation requirement via CTE courses. They can pass the requirement by taking a CTE course that offers college credit, through our articulation agreements, or by completing a sequence of two or more high school credits of CTE courses that are technically intensive and rigorous.
  
- In response to the bill we have evaluated our programs to ensure we are offering numerous CTE course sequences at WHS. We have informed the high school counselors which sequences qualify students to pass the assessment requirement and added articulation agreements for more CTE courses.