
CARVER MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY EXPLORATION

The **Carver School District** is committed to ensuring that all middle school students and their families are well-informed about the wide range of educational options available to them for high school, including Career and Technical Education (CTE) and vocational programs. In compliance with Massachusetts state regulations and guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), this policy outlines how our district provides students with awareness and exposure to CTE and vocational opportunities at local, regional, and agricultural public high schools.

High School Pathway Options

- **Innovation/Carver Career Pathways:** Carver Middle High School (CMHS) provides students with the opportunity to explore its Innovation Career Pathways through eighth-grade exploratory courses. This early exposure helps students make informed decisions about future courses and potential career paths. CMHS offers three DESE-approved Innovation Pathways; Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology, Environmental and Agricultural Sciences, and Clean Energy. CMHS offers five additional career pathways; Culinary and Hospitality, Computer Science, Health and Wellness, Visual and Performing Arts, and Biotechnology. While at CMHS, students have the option to formally enroll in any of these Innovation/Carver Career Pathways programs.
- **Career and Technical Education:** Carver Middle-High School students interested in a CTE education can apply for enrollment in the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School (476 North Avenue, Rochester, MA 02770). Old Colony RVTHS offers the following CH74 Programs: Architecture/Engineering Technology; Automotive Technology; Business Technology; Computer Science; Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Electrical; Electronics Engineering Technology; Graphic Communication & Design; Health Careers; House & Mill Carpentry; Machine & Tool Technology; Metal Fabrication & Joining Technology.

Middle School Career Exploration

The district's implementation of My Career and Academic Plan (MyCAP) directly connects the exploration of CTE schools and programs to a student's broader academic and career goals. MyCAP is a structured process that helps students explore their interests, skills, and values starting in middle school. This self-discovery process guides students as they research high school pathways and make informed decisions about which school environment, whether a traditional high school, CMHS Innovation/Carver Career Pathway or a specialized CTE program or vocational program, that best aligns with their emerging goals.

Collaboration with Member Vocational Schools

Carver Middle High School (CMHS) actively collaborates with member CTE/vocational schools to inform students about the CTE/vocational opportunities available to them. This collaboration includes:

- **Information Sharing:** Annually, middle schools will provide member CTE/vocational schools with the names, addresses, and email addresses of all enrolled seventh and eighth-grade students by October 15.

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- **On-Campus Assemblies:** Each year, all seventh-grade students will have the opportunity to attend assemblies on campus at the Carver Middle-High School, hosted by Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School representatives. These events will provide students with information about CTE programs and the application process.
- **School Tours:** Each fall, eighth-grade students will have the opportunity to tour the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School (OCRVTS). Transportation expenses will be covered by OCRVTS. These tours are scheduled during the school day, and participation in the tour will not be recorded as an absence.
- **Promotion of Events:** CMHS will share information about the OCRVTS Open House and informational events on the district website and through regular communication channels, such as principal newsletters and communication from the guidance office.
- **Application Interviews:** CMHS will provide opportunities at the middle school during the school day for vocational schools to schedule in-person interviews with students who have applied.
- **Online Resources:** By October 15th each year, the Carver School District website will publish pertinent information about vocational school options, including links to admission applications, admissions policies, and open house/informational event schedules.
- **Providing Admissions Records to CTE Schools:** CMHS will provide relevant information to member vocational schools for students who have applied. This may include documentation of student interest, attendance records, and discipline records in accordance with the vocational school's approved admissions policy and DESE guidance.

Maintenance of Records

The Carver Middle-High School will maintain a record of all on-site presentations, assemblies, and student tours to CTE schools, along with other relevant information about collaboration between the district and member CTE/vocational schools. These records will be made available to DESE upon request.

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