

Danvers Public Schools Middle School Pathway Exploration Policy



Holten-Richmond Middle School

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Danvers Public Schools provides a comprehensive network of support and experiences that prepare students for success beyond high school. Middle School students engage in meaningful career exploration and career connected learning experiences through a MyCAP scope and sequence that leads students through exploring their interests and goal setting.

High School Pathway options available to students

Danvers is a regional member of Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical High School. Holten-Richmond Middle School grade 8 students are eligible to apply to the Career Technical Education (CTE) programs at Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical High School.

Middle School Career Exploration

Holten-Richmond Middle School students explore career and educational interest self-assessments through My Career and Academic Planning (MyCAP) activities in grades 6-8. Students identify interests and learning goals, and develop an academic plan which may include a CTE program.

Collaboration with Member Vocational Schools

Holten-Richmond Middle School and Danvers High School 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. Parents may opt out of information sharing before October 15, by notifying the school principal. Representatives from Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical High School will also provide a presentation to eighth-grade students each fall to detail the opportunities available to them.
- **School Tours:** Each fall, eighth-grade students will have the opportunity to tour the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical High School. Transportation expenses will be covered by Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical High School. These tours are scheduled during the school day, and participation in the tour will not be recorded as an absence.
- **Promotion of Events:** Holten-Richmond Middle School will share information about the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical High School's Open House and informational events on the district website and through regular communication channels, such as principal newsletters and communication from the guidance office.

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- **Application Interviews:** If required, Holten-Richmond Middle School 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:** The Danvers 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:** Holten-Richmond Middle School 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 Holten-Richmond Middle 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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