



Meeting Students Where They Are –
Empowering Them for Where They're Going

Meet the Team

- Andy Mayberry - Director of Communications
- Candace Wilson - Sheridan High School Principal
- Jennifer Almond - Director of Special Education
- Dennis Wolfe - Alternative Learning Academy Principal
- Cris Bolin - Chief Financial Officer
- Allyson Pitts - Director of Counseling and CTE
- Dr. Leann Pinkerton - Director of Access & Accountability
- Dr. Missy Walley - Assistant Superintendent
- Chad Pitts - Superintendent



SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT **MISSION:**

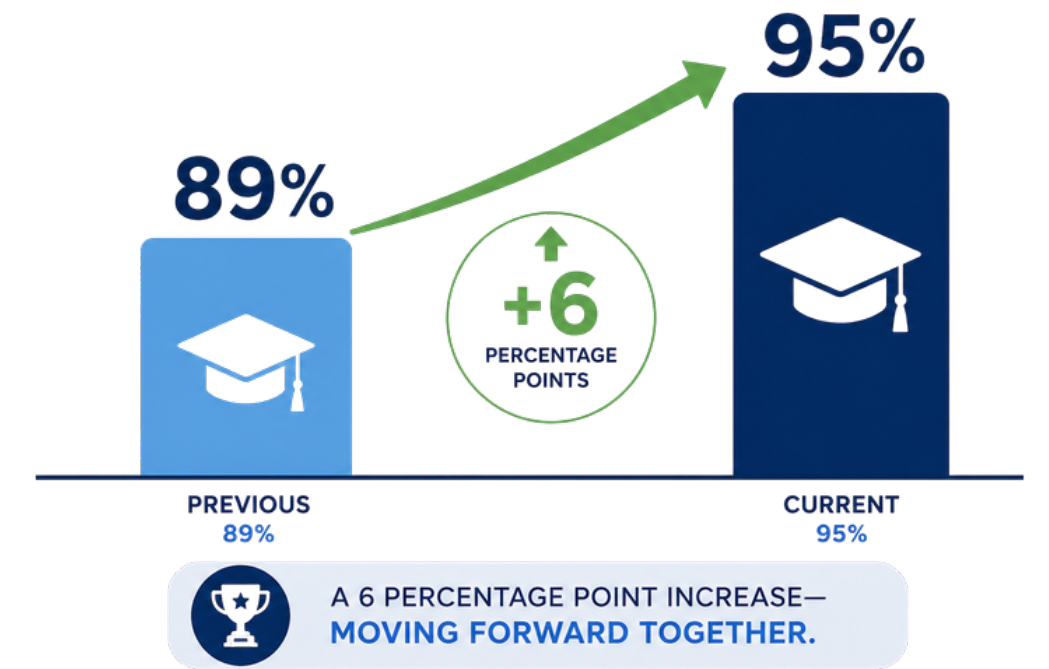
The Sheridan School District will provide a high-quality education in a safe environment.

SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT **VISION:**

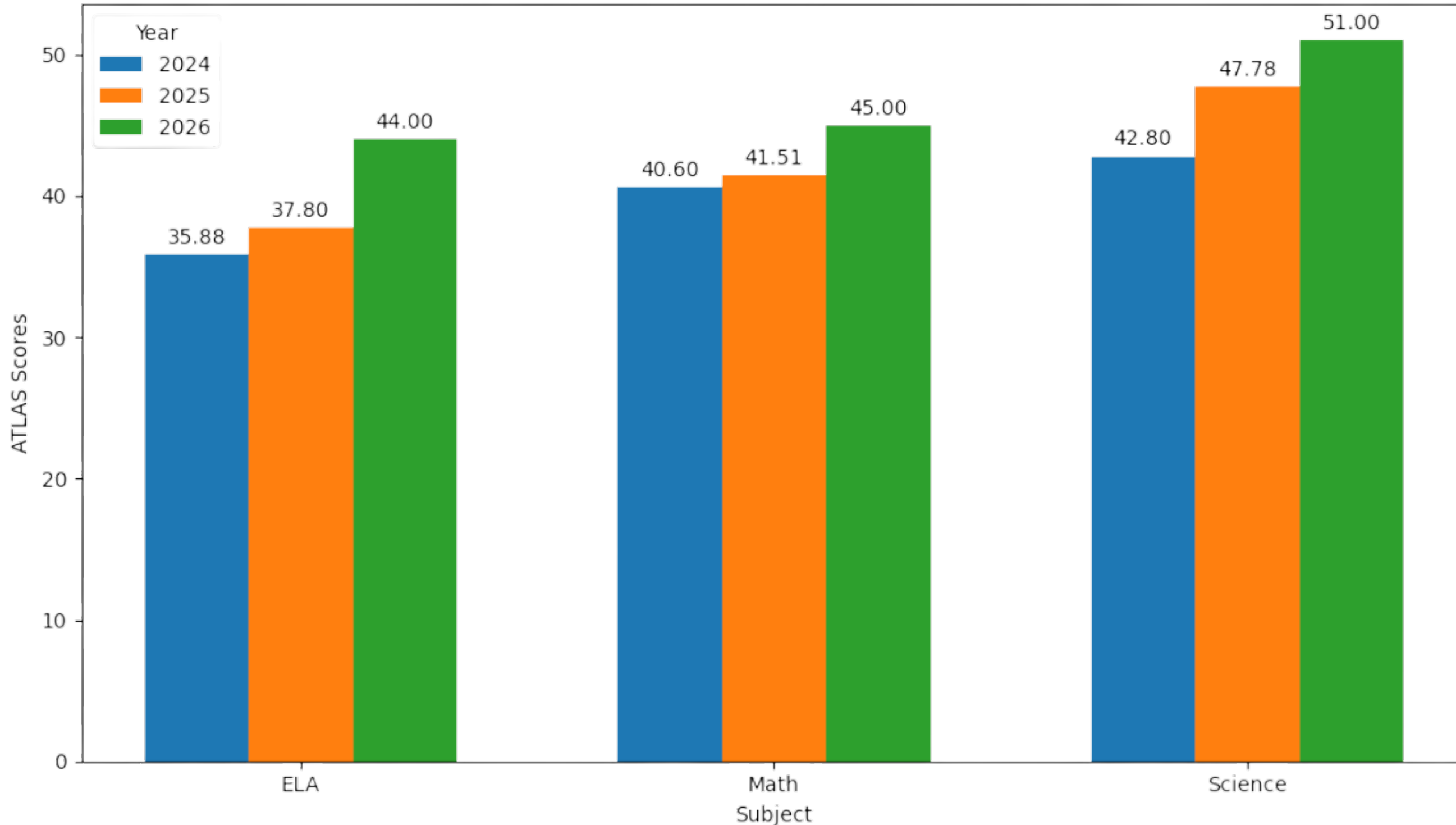
Achieving Full Potential Every Day

A District on the Rise

GRADUATION RATE HAS GROWN
FROM 89% TO 95%



ATLAS Grades 3-10 Growth by Subject (2024-2026)



Community Support

- Interest survey indicates a clear interest and pressing need to provide educational options
 - 108 families seeking non-traditional options
- Enrollment data
 - Current
 - 85 students transferred to an external virtual provider in the first semester of 2025-2026;
 - 92 Sheridan students are enrolled with our approved virtual provider
 - 67 Alternative Learning Academy students
 - Expected
 - K-12, capacity 400



Hear From Sheridan

Mayor

- School Board Letter of Support

Why Change?

- Meet the needs of our community
- Innovative scheduling
- Virtual learning opportunities
- Personalized instruction
- Connection to Sheridan Schools

A graduation ceremony scene with graduates in blue gowns and caps, a large floral arrangement, and a crowd in the background. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

-Dr. Stephen Covey

Our Vision for Jacket Academy

- Hybrid, alternative, and virtual learning environments
- Personalized pathways
- Individualized supports and services
- High expectations
- Increased accountability
- Ability to participate in all Sheridan student activities

Who Will We Serve?

- Students needing credit recovery
- Students balancing work and school
- Students pursuing accelerated learning
- Students with medical, social, and emotional challenges
- Students with family circumstances requiring flexibility

A Day in the Life

Meet Brooklon

Sheridan hybrid student

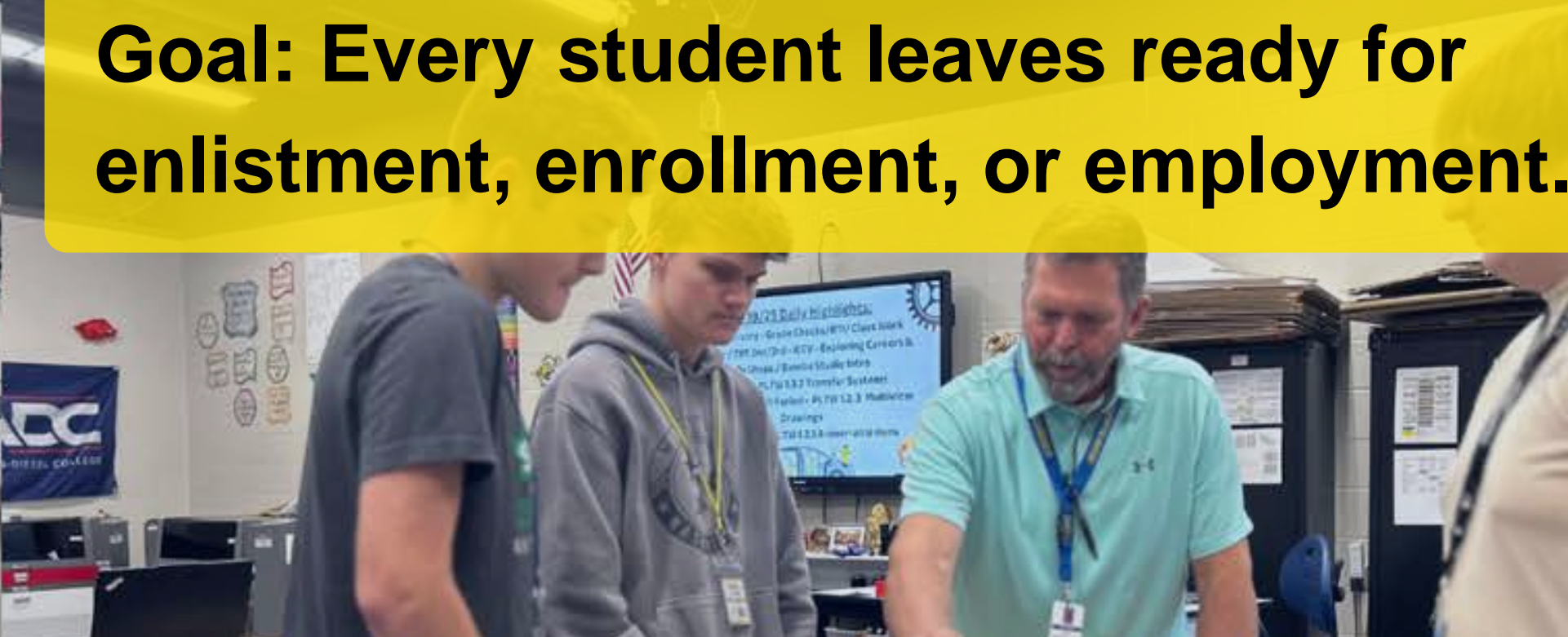
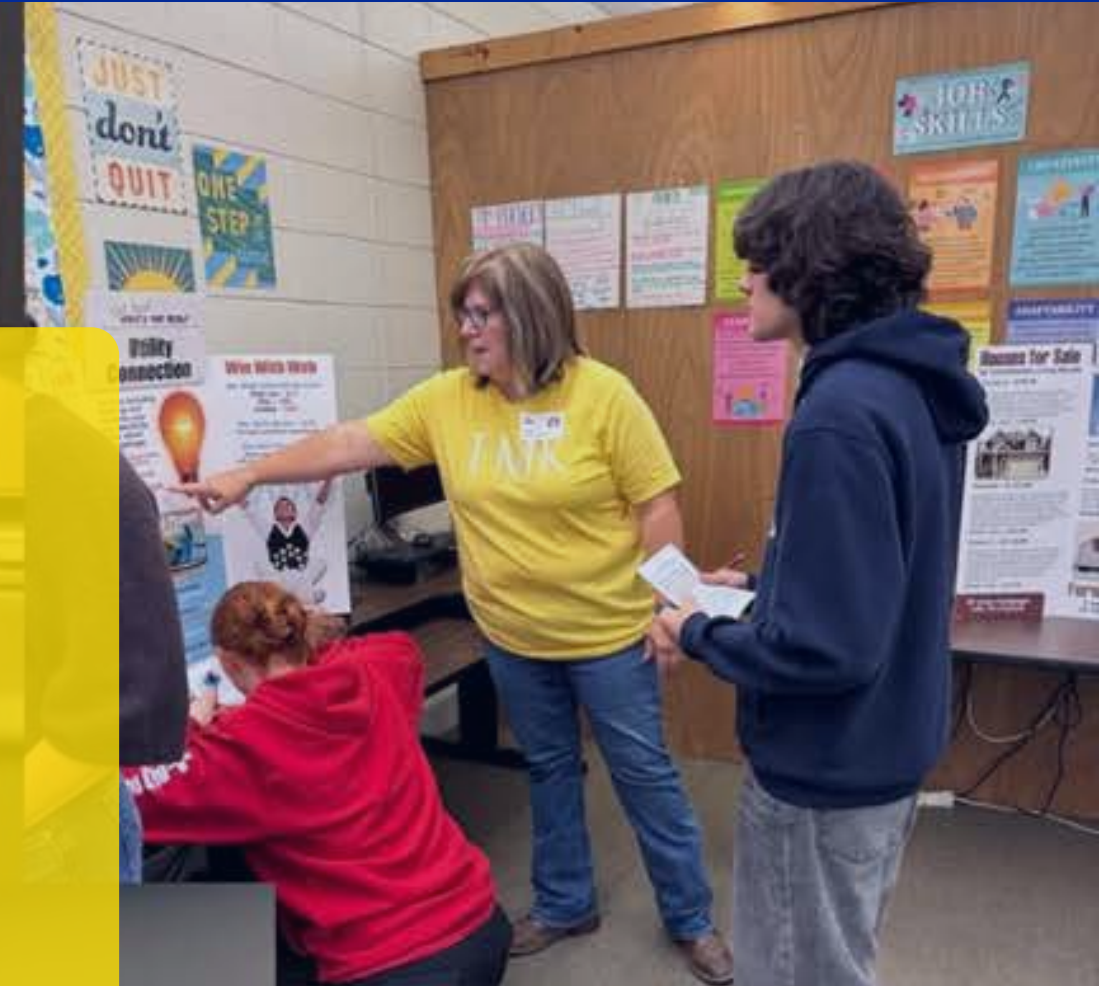
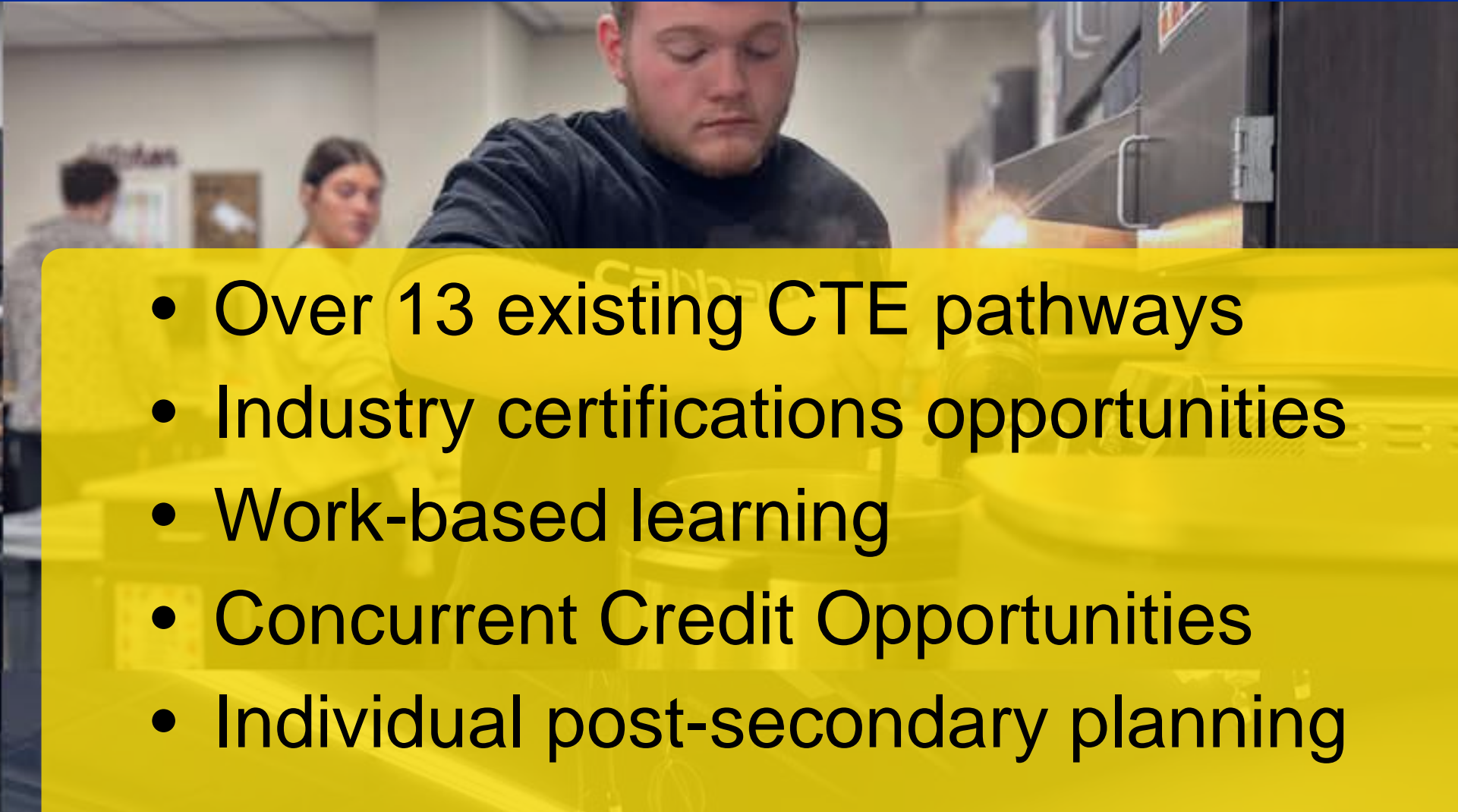
- 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Completes virtual coursework from home
- 12:30 p.m. Attends an intervention group on the Jacket Academy campus
- 1:15 p.m. Works with the early learning center as part of her pre-educator pathway
- 3:00 p.m. Attends cheer practice at Sheridan High School



Career & Technical Education

- Over 13 existing CTE pathways
- Industry certifications opportunities
- Work-based learning
- Concurrent Credit Opportunities
- Individual post-secondary planning

Goal: Every student leaves ready for enlistment, enrollment, or employment.



Student Supports

- Multi-Tiered Student Supports
 - Behavior/Social Emotional
 - School-based mental health therapists
 - School-based health clinic access
 - Counselors, therapists, administration team collaboration
 - Jacket Support Program
 - Academic
 - Special Education, English Learners, & Gifted and Talented services by certified staff
 - Interventions

Every student is known, monitored, and supported.

High Quality Instruction, Materials, and Learning

- Instruction provided with a team approach
 - Arkansas River Educational Service Cooperative: Virtual Academy at The River
 - Amplify, Illustrative Math
 - Concurrent credit with existing partners
 - Arkansas State University Three Rivers
 - Saline County Career and Technical Campus
 - University of Arkansas at Monticello
 - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- Future model with Sheridan School District staff
 - Benchmark Workshop
 - University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI)



ONE ACADEMY. THREE PATHS.

Jacket Academy brings together flexible learning options for all students and houses our Alternative Learning Academy to provide the support some students need to thrive.

JACKET ACADEMY

The umbrella for all learning options and support programs.

FULLY VIRTUAL OPTION



A fully online learning experience designed for flexibility and student success from anywhere.

- ✓ 100% virtual instruction
- ✓ Local Sheridan teachers
- ✓ Flexible scheduling
- ✓ Individualized academic support
- ✓ Social & emotional support
- ✓ Access to activities, prom, and graduation

HYBRID OPTION



A blend of in-person and online learning that offers structure, flexibility, and personalized support.

- ✓ Combination of in-person & virtual learning
- ✓ Local Sheridan teachers
- ✓ Structured support with flexible schedules
- ✓ Individualized academic support
- ✓ Social & emotional support
- ✓ Access to activities, prom, and graduation

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY (ALA)

HOUSED UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF JACKET ACADEMY



ALA provides a structured, supportive environment for students who need additional behavioral supports to be successful.

OUR ALA TEAM



PRINCIPAL
Dennis Wolfe



COUNSELOR



NURSE



SECRETARY



PARAS

All ALA staff are local Sheridan employees and are an important part of the Jacket Academy team.



CERTIFIED ARKANSAS TEACHERS
across all learning options



INDIVIDUALIZED ACADEMIC &
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
for every student



FULL ACCESS TO EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES, PROM, ASSEMBLIES,
AND GRADUATION

★ DIFFERENT PATHS. ONE ACADEMY. LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES. ★

Innovative Staffing

- Current staffing
 - Director, principal, 9 teachers, 4 paras, counselor, administrative assistant, nurse
 - District-wide, regular collaboration with building administrators, counselors, and grade level/content teams
- Access to support services
 - Occupational therapy, physical therapy, gifted and talented services, school-based mental health

Innovative Staffing

- Increase staffing
 - Support hybrid learning
 - Enrich alternative learning experiences
 - Increase acceleration opportunities
 - Provide wrap-around services

Digital Resources

- Instant Access
 - Continuous access to grades
 - Continuous access to attendance
 - Continuous access to teacher communication
- Student Resources
 - eBooks
 - Research databases
 - District and digital library collections
 - Online learning tools

Why This Charter?

- Additional educational options to support **EVERY** student
- Increase engagement for students not thriving in a traditional model
- Access to elite opportunities
- Provide structured supports within a flexible schedule

Impact on existing Sheridan Schools

It helps us:

- Retain students
- Expand family choice
- Support diverse learners
- Create additional pathways to success



This is not a separate mission. It is another pathway to achieve the mission.

— EVERY —
SHERIDAN
STUDENT DESERVES
— A —
PATHWAY
to **SUCCESS.**



Thank you!