

# BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Blue Valley Unified School District No. 229

## **Workshop Special Board of Education Meeting**

Monday, January 12, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

High Plains Conference Room, 15020 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66223

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Cultivating lifelong learners prepared to navigate their future with purpose.*

#### **A. OPENING ITEMS.**

##### **1. Oath of Office.**

Speaker: Anna Sweeney, Board Clerk

##### **2. Call the Meeting to Order.**

Speaker: Board President, Jan Kessinger

##### **3. Approve the Special Board of Education Meeting Agenda.**

Speaker: Board President, Jan Kessinger

#### **B. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

##### **1. Review the Regular Board of Education Meeting Agenda.**

Speaker: Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools

##### **2. CTE Program Evaluation Part II.**

Speaker: Adam Wessel, Director of Career Ready Program

##### **3. Board Member Input and Comments.**

Speaker: Board of Education

#### **C. CLOSING ITEMS.**

##### **1. Adjournment.**

Speaker: Board President, Jan Kessinger



## **ADVANCING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCES**

### **2025 – 2026 District Goals:**

**Respond to enrollment and Career Ready Program needs by analyzing and recommending potential facility needs for multiple pathways in order to centralize and maximize district programming.**

## PROGRAM OPTIONS WITH JCCC

- Automotive Technology
- Automation Engineering Technology
- Culinary and Hospitality Management
- Cybersecurity
- Dual Degree
- Electrical Technology
- Electronics Technology
- Fashion and Apparel (coming in 26-27)
- HVAC
- Interior Design (coming in 26-27)
- Plumbing Technology
- Welding and Metal Fabrication

# CAREER READY PROGRAMS

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- **11 Career and Technical Education Pathways offered in Blue Valley:**
  - Business Management and Entrepreneurship
  - Construction and Design
  - Emergency and Fire Management Services
  - Engineering and Applied Mathematics
  - Health Science
  - Marketing
  - Media and Design Communications (Journalism, Graphic Design)
  - Mobile Equipment Maintenance
  - Programming and Software Development
  - Restaurant and Event Management
  - Teaching/Training
- **Over 6,300 students are scheduled to take at least one CTE course in 2025-2026**

# CAREER READY PROGRAMS

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**2022-23**

**2025-26**

|                           | Student Interest | JCCC Enrolled | Student Interest | JCCC Enrolled |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Electrical                | 4                | 4             | 9                | 2             |
| HVAC                      | 4                | 4             | 17               | 2             |
| Plumbing                  | 4                | 4             | 3                | 1             |
| Welding/Metal Fabrication | 15               | 15            | 28               | 6             |
| Auto Repair               | 14               | 14            | 21               | 6             |
| Cybersecurity             | 8                | 8             | 11               | 10            |

## Industry Trends: CTE in Secondary Education

**Flexible, Multi-Use Learning Spaces:** Facilities are moving away from rigid classrooms toward adaptable environments that support hands-on labs, collaborative projects, and cross-disciplinary learning.

**Career Readiness as a priority:** Reports show CTE is increasingly viewed as the bridge between high school and the workforce, helping students graduate with both diplomas and employable skills.

**Community & Workforce Alignment:** Many districts are building CTE centers as hubs, shared across multiple schools, to connect students directly with local employers.

**Work-Based Learning & Industry Partnerships:** Stronger collaborations with local businesses provide internships, apprenticeships, and real-world projects. These experiences are seen as the “unseen curriculum” that builds durable skills like communication and problem-solving.

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# Program Considerations Committee:

## Members:

- Sarah Beren, BV & JCCC Career Ready Programs Coordinator
- Dr. Katie Collier, Deputy Superintendent
- Kelly June, Executive Director of Academic Services
- Scott Kreshel, BVA Principal
- Dr. Tyson Ostroski, BVN Principal
- Chad Ralston, Director of CAPS
- Scott Roberts, Executive Director of School Administration
- Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer
- Mark Turrentine, Career and Technical Education District Coordinator
- Adam Wessel, Director of Career Ready Programs
- Hollis and Miller Representatives



# Market Considerations:



Olathe Public Schools Innovation Campus



Washburn Rural Innovation Center



DeSoto Cedar Trails Exploration Center



Columbia, MO Area Career Center





# Market Considerations:



Manhattan, KS



Ray-Pec LEAD Center



Lee's Summit Technology Academy



Cherry Creek, CO Innovation Campus



# CAPS Connection

- Focused discussions with CAPS leadership on opportunities to expand programming
- Exploration of facility enhancements:
  - upgrading areas of the current CAPS site or
  - relocate programs to a new facility while reimagining existing spaces
  - Hollis and Miller collaborative partner in this process
- Analysis of CAPS enrollment numbers to identify programming trends and opportunities for expansion / revisions.



# Pending Program Recommendations:

## 1) New/Expansion of Student Programming:

Recommended programming in this category targets those programs that are in **high-demand by both students and the local labor market**. In these areas current opportunities for students are limited, are decreasing or are not at the appropriate instructional and/or developmental level for all interested students.

- Carpentry/HVAC/Plumbing/Electrical/other related trades
- Auto Repair
- Welding/Metal Fabrication/Manufacturing/Avionics
- Cybersecurity

## 2) New/Expansion of Facilities:

Based on student interest, enrollment trends, and local job market data, recommended programming listed above is limited within Blue Valley due to facility limitations. This constraint has created an emerging need for expanded infrastructure.

As a result, it is anticipated that a recommendation to include provisions in the next bond initiative for new facilities to support new programming is forthcoming.



# Next Steps

- CTE interest survey to current 9-12 grade students
- List of recommendations for new programs and expansion of current programs
- Locations where we will revise/expand programming
- Facility needs articulated in bond package discussions