

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL CENTER PROGRAMS

DATE ADOPTED: February 19, 1997

RATIONALE

Colchester School District recognizes its obligation to provide high school students and adults who do not have a high school diploma with a genuine opportunity to participate fully and to benefit from technical education.

POLICY STATEMENT

All Colchester students and adult residents who attend technical education center programs in Burlington or Essex are considered students of Colchester High School. As such, they are subject to the normal registration and attendance policies of the Colchester School District. The Colchester School District shall assume responsibility for the tuition of technical education students only if they are properly enrolled according to the district procedures and practices defined below.

PROCEDURES

1. Any qualified student, including “adults without diplomas,” who desire to attend an area technical center must first be appropriately registered at Colchester High School.
2. Each student desiring to participate in a technical center program must meet with his/her CHS guidance counselor to discuss various program options. The goal of this meeting is not only enrollment in a specific technical center program, but also the relationship of any specific program to the student’s total high school program.
3. Vocational technical programs are typically designed to be completed in full days for one school year or half days for two years. Requests from students to increase technical center attendance time greater than the typical completion time may be granted by the district given special or extenuating circumstances.
4. Per State Board regulation 2372.14, vocational technical center programs are not available to students below grade ten without prior approval. Also, if space is limited in specific programs, preference will be given to seniors enabling the completion of a program before graduation.
5. Colchester “adults without diplomas” must follow the same procedures and practices defined for qualified high school students (State Board Regulation 2370.11).

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