



# Thompson High School Curriculum Night

2025-2026



# Course Selection Steps

1

Grade level meetings

Receive course selection sheets

2

Discuss course options with parents/guardians and teachers

3

Counselors in history classes to assist with entering courses into PowerSchool

4

Individually meet with counselors for questions and to finalize course entry

5

Course verification



# Grade Level Starting Dates

Rising  
9th Grade

**January 16**

Rising  
10th Grade

**January 24**

Rising  
11th Grade

**February 6**

Rising  
12th Grade

**February 20**



# Alabama Diploma Requirements: Option A (Traditional)

## English (4)

- English 9
- English 10
- English 11
- English 12

## Physical Ed. (1)

- Beginning Kinesiology  
*(or the equivalent: ROTC, visual ensemble, athletics, Dance I-IV, 2 years of band)*

## Math (4)

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II/Stats
- math elective

## Career Prep. (1)

- Career Prep A (sem)
- Career Prep B (sem)

## Health (.5)

- Health (sem)

## Science (4)

- Biology
- Phys Sci or Chemistry
- science elective
- science elective

## CFA (3)

- 3 credits in...  
Career Tech  
*and/or*  
Foreign Language  
*and/or*  
Fine Art

## Social Studies (4)

- World History
- US History 10
- US History 11
- US Govt / Economics

## Other (2.5)

- Additional electives to total at least 24 credits



# Alabama Diploma Requirements: Option B (Workforce)

## English (4)

- English 9
- English 10
- English 11
- English 12

## Physical Ed. (1)

- Beginning Kinesiology  
*(or the equivalent: ROTC, visual ensemble, athletics, Dance I-IV, 2 years of band)*

## Math (2)

- Algebra I
- Geometry

## Career Prep. (1)

- Career Prep A (sem)
- Career Prep B (sem)

## Health (.5)

- Health (sem)

## Science (2)

- Biology
- Phys Sci or Chemistry

## CTE (3)

- 3 credits in sequence  
(i.e. Foundations of Health Science, Therapeutic Services, Patient Care Tech)

## Social Studies (4)

- World History
- US History 10
- US History 11
- US Govt / Economics

## Other (6.5)

- Additional courses to total at least 24 credits

- ★ **NOTE:**
- The workforce diploma may not meet some 4 year college admission requirements.
  - We will hold a meeting at a later date to discuss the workforce diploma, during which parents and students can officially declare if this is the diploma the student intends to pursue.



# Credit Requirements

Number of credits needed to promote to the next grade level:





# Additional Graduation Requirements

## FAFSA

Completing the FAFSA or an approved waiver is a graduation requirement, ensuring all students have the opportunity to explore financial aid options for post-secondary education.

## CCRI

Earning a College and Career Readiness Indicator (CCRI) is now a graduation requirement, ensuring students are prepared for success in their future education or career pathways.

## Financial Literacy Exam

Beginning with the class of 2028, taking the financial literacy exam will be a graduation requirement to equip students with essential money management skills. This exam is taken at the conclusion of Career Prep B.

## Civics Exam

Passing the civics exam is a graduation requirement, ensuring students have a foundational understanding of U.S. government and civic responsibilities. This exam is taken at the conclusion of US Government.



# Alabaster City Schools Academic Endorsements

## Advanced Academic Endorsement

- Must meet all requirements for an Alabama diploma
- One Foreign Language Credit
- Algebra II with Statistics, Honors
- 2 Semesters of AP or dual enrollment
- Must earn 26 credits

## Advanced Academic Endorsement with Honors

- Must meet all requirements for an Alabama diploma
- Two Foreign Language Credits (of the same language)
- One higher math (Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, AP or dual enrollment math, or AP Computer Science course)
- Chemistry
- 6 Semesters of AP or dual enrollment
- Must maintain a GPA of 3.2
- Must earn 26 credits
- Valedictorians/Salutatorians must qualify for this endorsement



# Valedictorians/Salutatorians

To be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian, the student must receive a diploma with the Advanced Academic Endorsement with Honors.

ACS will recognize multiple valedictorians and salutatorians. The requirements are:

- Valedictorian: any student who earns a 4.0000 and above
- Salutatorian: any student who earns a 3.8000–3.9999

The student with the highest grade point average will be recognized as the top valedictorian of the graduating class. In order to be the top valedictorian, the student must be enrolled at Thompson High School from the beginning of the junior year.



# Quality Points/Grade Point Average

Probable increase beginning fall of 2025

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Standard	Honors	Dual Enrollment 1 sem=full credit 1 year=2 full credits	AP
A	90-100	4.0	5.0	5.1	5.5
B	80-89	3.0	4.0	4.1	4.5
C	70-79	2.0	3.0	3.1	3.5
D	60-69	1.0	2.0	2.1	2.5
F	59 & below	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0



# Elective Options for Juniors/Seniors Only

## Work Based Learning (Co-op)

1 class period: 140 minimum work hours (avg 5 hours/week)

2 class periods: 280 minimum work hours (avg 10 hours/week)

1 career tech credit awarded per class period

\*Prerequisite is a foundation-level Career Tech course or Career Prep A *and* Career Prep B

## AP/DE Study Hall

Study opportunity for students enrolled in 3 or more AP/DE class periods. No grade/credit awarded.

## Teacher Aide (12th grade only)

Must have TWO teacher signatures on application (in case of schedule conflicts). No grade/credit awarded.

## Main Office/Attendance Office/Student Services/Innovation Center (12th grade only)

Must submit application. No grade/credit awarded.

All of these  
REQUIRE a  
signed  
application in  
order for your  
request to be  
reviewed.



# Career Prep Changes beginning with Class of 2028

Starting next school year for rising Freshmen and Sophomores:

- **Career Prep A** will no longer be embedded in foundational Career Technical Education (CTE) classes.
- **Career Prep B** will no longer be embedded in Economics classes.
- **Graduation Requirement:** In order for the Career Preparedness course to be complete and to satisfy a graduation requirement, students must take a Financial Literacy exam at the end of the Career Preparedness course.



# Career Prep Options

## Summer School Option (free this summer only)

- Students can complete Career Preparedness (A&B) during summer school at no cost.
- This option is available only for the summer of 2025.
- It's a great way for students to complete the course early and lighten their academic course load during the school year.

## Advisory Time Option

- Students can use their advisory period during the 2025–2026 school year to complete the course.
- This provides flexibility for students who prefer to integrate the coursework into their regular school year schedule.
- There will be significantly more advisory time (advisory periods) embedded into the 2025–2026 schedule.



# Summer School

## Why

Make room in schedule for additional courses, work towards early graduation, recover lost credit

## Cost *(from last year; subject to change)*

\$240 per class (full credit) or \$120 per class (half credit/semester)

\$415 for IS classes (Foreign Languages, AP)

## Format

Most courses are offered online through Edgenuity. Select courses may be offered on campus.

## Sign-Up

Keep an eye out for an email later this semester with registration information.

★ **NOTE:** For course selection, you must register for the appropriate core class progression in your schedule now. Course requests will be changed after the course is completed in the summer (communicate with grade-level counselor when the course is complete).



# Summer School Course Options

English: Grades 9–12

Social Studies: Grades 9–12

Science: Grades 9–12

Math: Grades 9–12

Career Prep A

Career Prep B

Health

Beginning Kinesiology

Select Foreign Languages:

(Spanish, Latin, Chinese, German, French, AP Spanish)

AP English Language (11th)

AP English Literature (12th)

AP Environmental Science

AP Human Geography (elective)

AP Psychology (elective)

AP World History (9th)

AP US History (11th)

AP US Government (12th)



# Early Graduation

## WHAT

Complete all graduation requirements early and graduate up to one year early or one semester early.

## WHY

Start college career early (including for athletics), join the military, or enter the workforce.

## HOW

Dual enrollment, summer school

## WHAT'S NEXT

Attend the Early Graduation Interest Meeting (date TBA)

Meet with a counselor to create an individualized plan.



# Dual Enrollment

Allows students to meet the requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit.

Students earn one full high school credit for each semester-long class.  
(e.g. ENG 101 and ENG 102 = 2 full high school English credits in 1 year)

Potential to complete some graduation requirements early (2 English, math, science, or elective credits in 1 period over 1 year)

There are ACT and GPA requirements for many courses. You must earn a qualifying ACT or Accuplacer score by **February 1**. No extensions will be granted beyond this date.

Please see the [dual enrollment guide](#) for more information, including the necessary requirements. If you have questions, please contact Pam Vickers, College Counselor, at [pam.vickers@acsboe.org](mailto:pam.vickers@acsboe.org).



# Dual Enrollment Partners

- Auburn University/Auburn First
- Jacksonville State University
- Jefferson State Community College
- Lawson State Community College
- The University of Alabama Early College
- Troy University/Accelerate
- University of Montevallo/College Ahead
- University of South Alabama/Start South



# CAREER ACADEMIES

Thompson High School

Dr. Amanda Wilbanks  
Chief Academic Officer



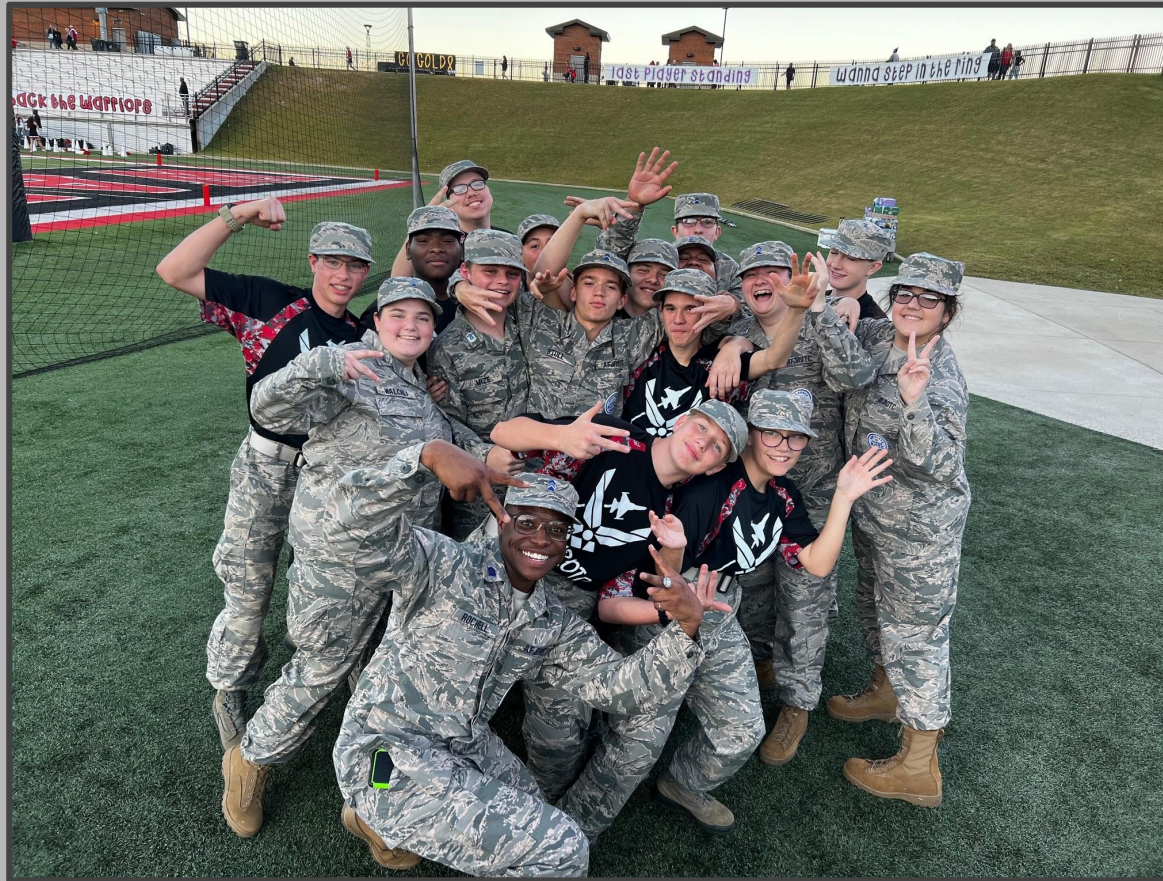
# AIR FORCE JROTC



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# BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING





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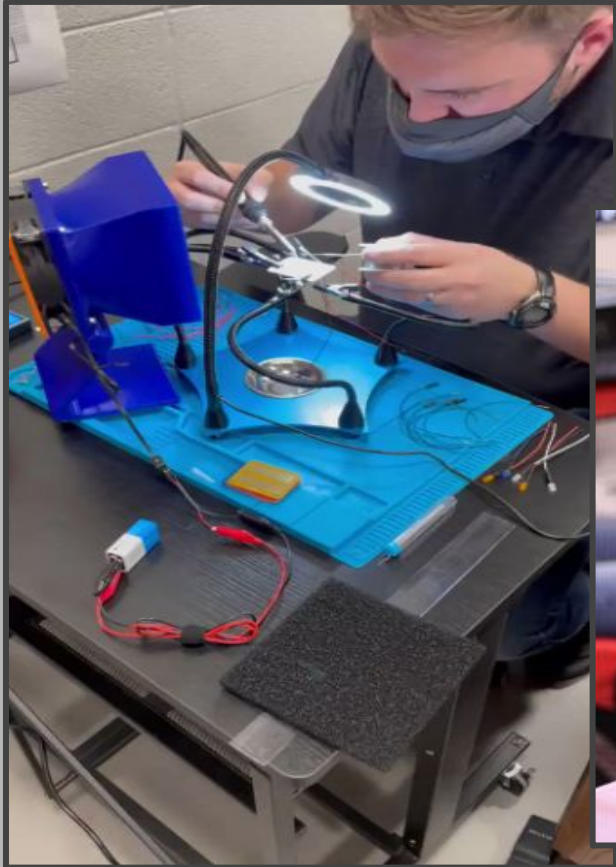


# EDUCATION AND TRAINING





# ENGINEERING





# MECHATRONICS DUAL ENROLLMENT PATHWAY





# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (COMPUTER SCIENCE)





# HUMAN SERVICES



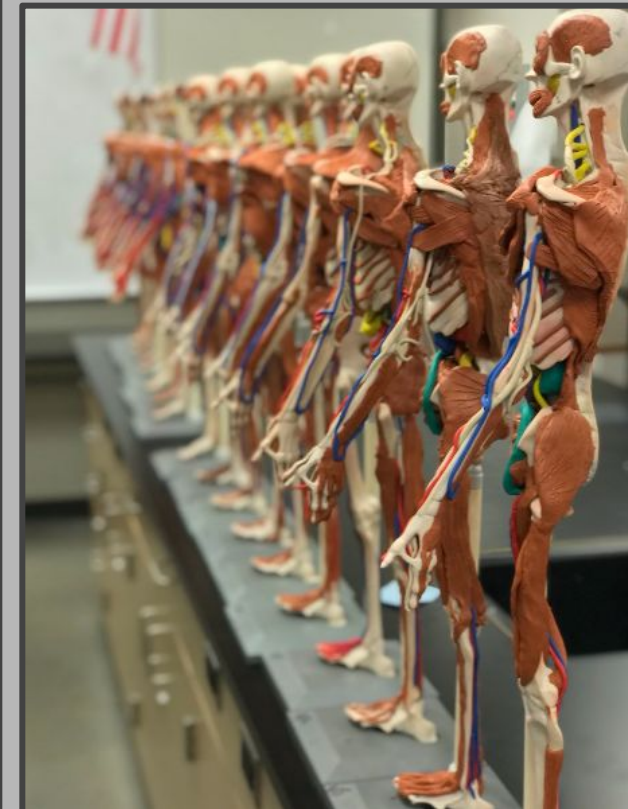


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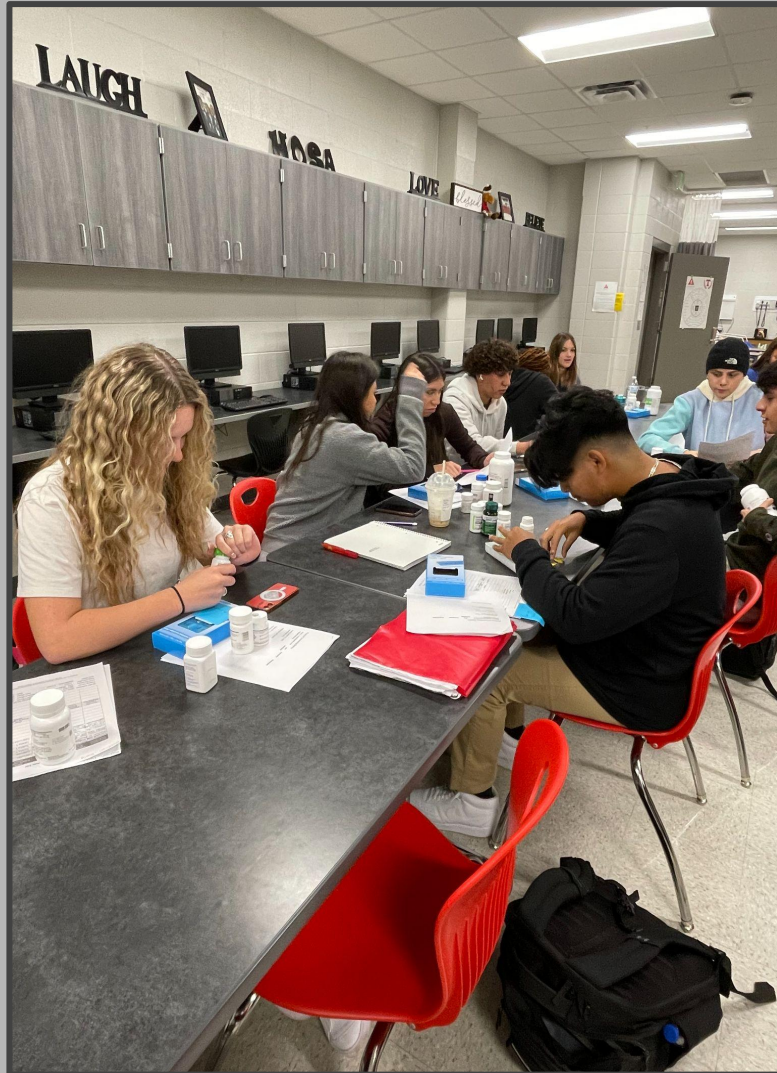


# HEALTH SCIENCE PLTW - BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES





# HEALTH SCIENCE PHARMACY





# HEALTH SCIENCES EMERGENCY SERVICES





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**ALABASTER STRONG FIRE INTERNSHIP**



# HEALTH SCIENCES SPORTS MEDICINE





# TV PRODUCTION



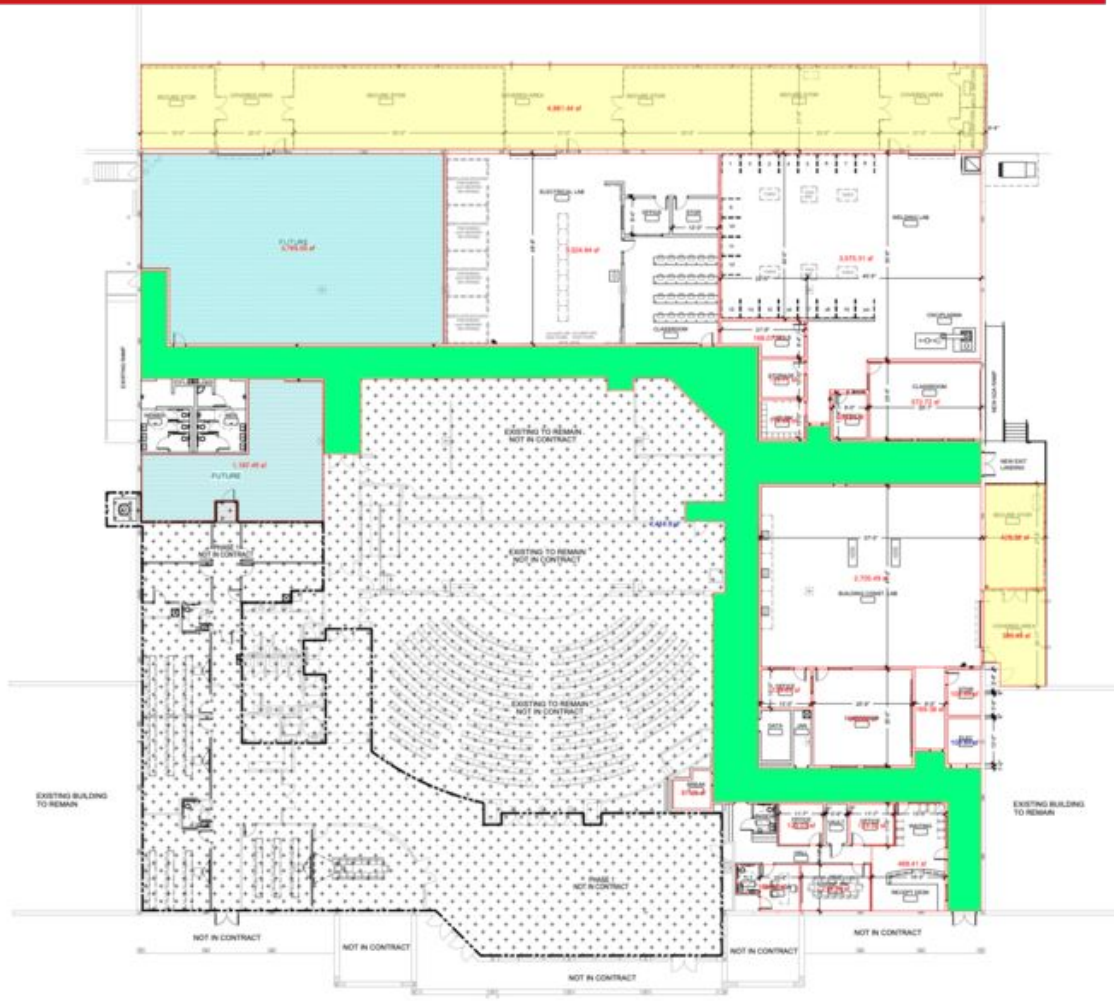


# TV PRODUCTION





# ACS CHAMPIONS CRAFT ACADEMY



OVERALL FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"  
PHASE 2 INT. RENOV. + 0.48M NSF  
OUTSIDE COVERED AREA=4.00M NSF



## QUESTIONS?

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# Champions Craft Academy

**CHAMPIONS OF OUR FUTURE**

# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help students get the education and skills they need to be entry-level, skilled workers. Students will be trained by industry professionals in their selected trade **welding**, **electrical** or **carpentry** and will earn a **NCCER level 1** credential and **OSHA 10**. We will focus on soft skills for example communication, team work, adaptability and work ethic. Students will get opportunities base off our recommendation system from their instructor. We want our students to be able to compete at a high level once entering the industry. Students will have opportunities to learn directly from industry leaders while working internships with construction companies on school breaks



# RECRUIT, TRAIN, EMPLOY & RETAIN

**Recruiting-** We will recruit 10th and 11th grade students from Thompson High School for CCA. We will identify the students who are interested in learning a skilled trade and possess the qualities that every craftsman needs to be successful.

**Train-** Our students will be trained by industry professionals and evaluated by their skills learned in the trade and their employability and soft skills.

**Employ-** Our goal is to help students get the education and skills they need to be entry-level, skilled workers.

**Retain-** We want our students to focus on the opportunities and additional training that contractors provide and their





# PROGRAMS

## Industrial Fabrication

SMAW

GMAW

Ironworking

Pipefitting

## Electrical

Outlet, Device, Pull, and Junction Boxes

Conduit Bending

Residential Wiring

Conductor Installations

## Growth

HVAC

Heavy Equipment Operations

## Construction

## Technology

Framing

Stair layout

Masonry

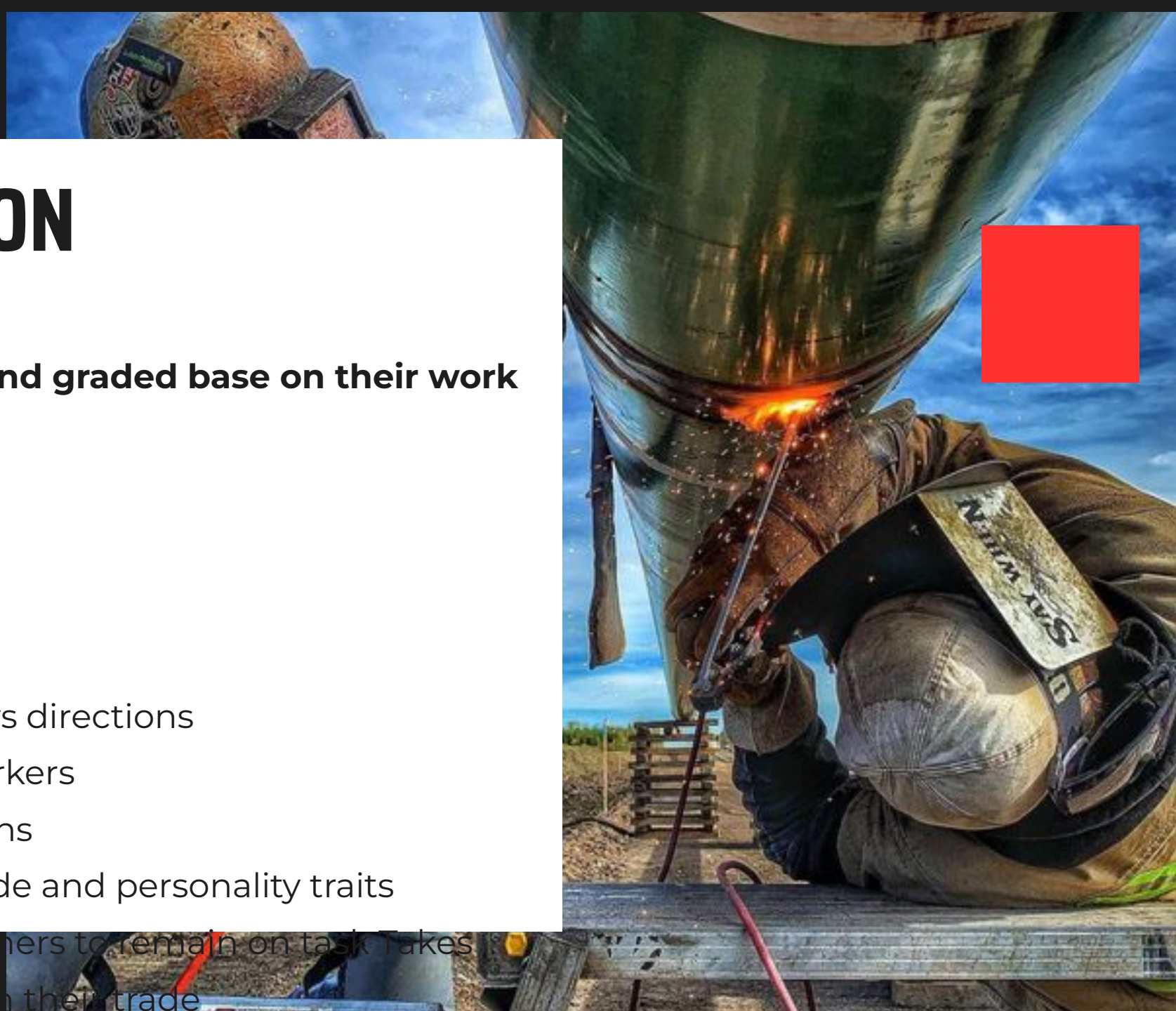
Intro to DWV Systems

Concrete formwork

# RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM

All student will be evaluated and graded base on their work ethics and values

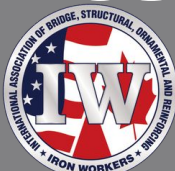
- Importance of safety
- Punctuality
- Being coachable
- Preparation
- Listens to supervisor and follows directions
- Respect for other students/workers
- Accepts responsibility for actions
- Demonstrates POSITIVE attitude and personality traits



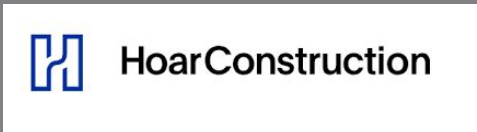
others to remain on task Takes  
in their trade



# OUR PARTNERED CONTRACTORS



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**THANK YOU!**



# Thank **you!**

## Do you have any questions?

9th Grade Counselor:	Dr. Mosley	<a href="mailto:ratonya.mosley@acsboe.org">ratonya.mosley@acsboe.org</a>
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