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Harrisburg School District
Career & Technical Education K-12

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By the Numbers

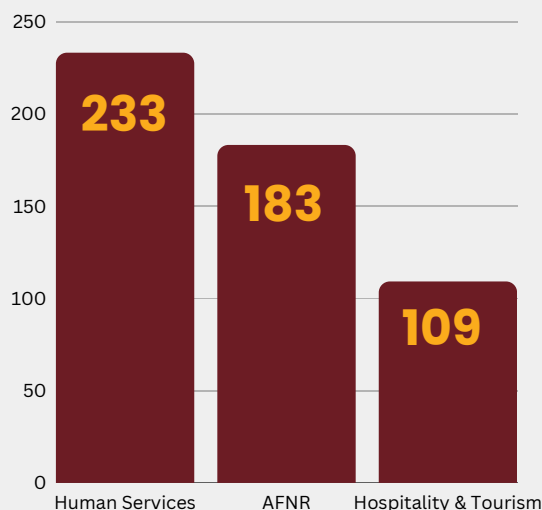
HSD is uniquely positioned to offer Career & Technical Education courses due to its location, highly-certified educators, and business and industry partnerships. HHS offers over 50 CTE courses in 13 of 16 occupational career clusters. Many courses offer extensive hands-on learning and lab time. In a community that boasts 10.5% population growth from 2021 to 2022, the district continues to expand and provide opportunities for all learners.

Worthy of Note

- 1.** HHS celebrates **623 CTE concentrators**; learners who take two or more courses in the same career cluster, developing advanced skills.
- 2.** HHS seniors earned **138 certifications or certificates** in: OSHA-10, CNA, BLS, EMT, CPR, ServSafe, Residential or General Construction, or Work Ethic Proficiency.
- 3.** **71% of HHS graduates pursue higher education.** Top school choices: USD, SDSU, and Southeast Technical College. Those not attending a post-secondary degree program are enrolling in apprenticeships enlisting in the military, or joining the workforce.

In addition to traditional CTE courses in human services and agriculture, the district has added a full-scale industrial kitchen lab to support the growing hospitality and tourism cluster. Inside of the lab and classroom spaces, the district, partners, and donors have provided equipment, technology, and countless hours of mentorship and training to provide for the best equipped, industry-relevant, skill development spaces for technical skill attainment.

For more HSD data visit our [page](#) to review demographics and fast-facts.



Top 3 Concentration Areas by Cluster

For HSD's full SD Report Card click [HERE](#)

Business & Industry Partnerships

We are better together. Five years ago HSD set on a path to expand Career & Technical Education offerings and develop pathways that meet the needs and interests of learners and employers. HSD can provide exceptional education, but experiential learning happens in collaboration with business, industry, and the community.

What we offer?

1. Captive Audience

With CTE pathways in nearly all career clusters, HSD offers courses for learners to explore and grow in nearly all interest areas. Learners K-12 can explore, experience, and engage with stakeholders.

2. Collaborative Opportunities

Want to build experiences and attract the next generation? HSD has resources and ideas. Let's connect!

3. Workforce Development

Emphasis on industry certifications and real-world skill development, apprenticeships, and high school internships uniquely positions HSD to build the next generation of workforce in partnership with local community, economic, and industry leaders. Join an advisory board to help guide our curriculum!



HSD partnerships have grown from 60 to over 220. A partner may host a high school intern, participate in an elementary learner interest day, or speak to a middle school class. Established relationships with the **City of Harrisburg, Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, Harrisburg Economic Development Corp, Sioux Metro Growth Alliance**, and many industry leaders, we have seen evidence of the importance of early career exposure and exploration. Nearly 60% of HHS **Sanford Health** interns convert from intern to part-time employee. An invest in youth returns highly-trained workforce.



Reach out to collaborate!

Career Exploration

Early and often – learners need the ability to see themselves in various careers. Research has proven that children as young as four are making decisions that will impact their career choices. Seeing many different adults in a variety of roles keeps learners' options open, which may result in expanded career path exploration later in their educational journey.

HSD is fortunate to have generous partners that open their doors for tours and hands-on learning experiences. These visits help connect classroom learning to real-world careers. Over 1,500 learners were able to see, hear, and feel the workplace on visits this year.



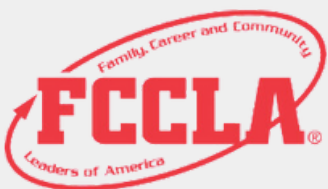
HSD is committed to showing learners opportunities. A glimpse of various activities at all levels:

- Elementary tours of HHS CTE Programs & Facilities
- CTSO Public Presentations
- K-12 **Junior Achievement of SD**
- K-12 Business & Industry Tours
- Guest Speakers
- Middle School Career Panels
- Trade Show Tours

Career & Technical Student Organizations provide expanded opportunities to develop cluster specific skills and gain leadership experience. HHS CTSOs and CTE pathways were highlighted in an 8-part podcast series during CTE Month in February (2023). In addition to local, regional, and state competitions, CTSOs emphasize service, community engagement, and life-long learning.

Community service and volunteer efforts:

- CTE ROAR Store Giveback
- Educators Rising Mentorship Partnerships
- FFA Meals for Ag Workers
- FCCLA + HSD Counseling Dept. Angel Tree Project
- ProStart Optimist Giving Pie Bake
- HOSA + Project Warm-Up Tie Blankets



Collaborations, Special Projects & Events



In an effort to expose learners to opportunities beyond the classroom HSD staff planned, co-hosted, and/or supported large scale career development experiences for all learners. Twice, the **Volunteer & Employment Fair** was held at HHS in August (2022) & April (2023). Each event was supported by 30+ local businesses and volunteer organizations.

The HHS Library, Student Council, and CTE Department celebrated **SD Week of Work**, April 3-6th. Each day had a theme, activity, or guest(s) to help learners explore career pathways.

The HHS Home Builders Academy has been busy completing tiny homes in collaboration with **Veterans Community Project - Sioux Falls**. During the Fall semester, the walls of the first five tiny homes were built in the HBA and transported to the VCP Village. The spring semester classes built three tiny homes that were moved from HHS to the VCP Village in early June.

The **3rd Annual HHS Tiger Stripes Garage Car Showcase** had over 150 exhibitors, music from the SD Army National Guard Mission Essential Brass Band, local food trucks, and fun for all. Learners in the program were able to showcase project vehicles, give tours of the garage, and build connections with automotive enthusiasts. It was a fabulous, fun, family event.

Off campus, HHS Home Builders Academy Learners participated in **Frame My Future**, hosted by BPI & **The Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire**. Learners competed in various challenges and learned from industry leaders in the construction and residential housing industry. **DeGeest Steel Works** hosted the 3rd Annual Weld-off for learners to test their skills against the Tea Area manufacturing program.

1,275 little learners were also connected with HSD partners in four elementary buildings for **Learner Interest Day (LID)**. These events highlight careers and allow learners to explore their interests or skills while building confidence, exploring, and learning. LIDs were hosted at: Adventure, Freedom, Journey, & Liberty. A list of partners that supported LID can be found [online](#).

VETERANS
COMMUNITY PROJECT

For more information on VCP - [Sioux Falls](#)

Looking Forward

Fall 2023 will see the addition of a modern horticulture facility on the west side of Harrisburg High School's campus. Thanks to the award of the CTE Innovative Equipment Grant (2022), the facility will house the first Registered Youth Apprenticeship (RYAP) for the District: Landscape Management & Horticulture Technician. RYAP was made possible by the Start Today SD Grant (2022). Weller Brothers Landscaping and the SD Department of Labor along with Southeast Technical College has been instrumental in the RYAP launch.

Beyond AFNR, the Education & Training pathway will expand coursework to include the opportunity to work toward the Child Development Associate credential, potentially fulfilling all requirements at the time of a learner's high school graduation.

The Freshman Academy (2023) and East Middle School (2023) will expand CTE offerings for 6-9th grade learners and a career exploration course is being developed in partnership with many entities to launch for 9th graders at the FA for the 2024-25 SY.



Weller Brothers, STC, HSD Staff, & SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation gather to celebrate RYAP at HHS (Feb. 2023)

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