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Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents/Guardians:

My name is Tera Graves, and I am the Director of the Livingston Area Education for Employment (LAEFE). The LAEFE is a regional delivery system for career and technical education (CTE) in Livingston and northern McLean counties serving six high schools and one career center. These include Dwight, Flanagan-Cornell, Livingston Area Career Center, Pontiac, Prairie Central, Tri-Point, and Woodland. Our goal is to coordinate and administer career and technical education programs and services.

One of these services includes career exploration and planning. Research has identified middle school as a time when students can benefit the most from career exploration, learning about potential careers, and developing a plan for reaching future goals. To assist with this process, the LAEFE office has developed an interest inventory and virtual career exploration. These tools can be found on our website www.lacc.k12.il.us, under the NEWS tab, 8th grade Career Exploration.

As students transition to high school, it can be both exciting and challenging. Planning and preparation for a sequence (or program) of high school courses will help to provide a foundation for a career choice. Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses help students identify careers of interest and develop employability skills that will serve them in further education and the workplace. According to research: CTE students are significantly more likely than their peers to say that they developed a clear career goal as well as problem-solving, critical-thinking, communication, time management and work-related skills, according to a study that compared CTE and non-CTE students as they transitioned into postsecondary education, training programs and employment.

We are fortunate in our region that the schools offer a robust offering of CTE courses in the areas of agriculture, business, health, family & consumer science and industrial technology. Local high schools offer entry level courses that lead to training level courses at the Career Center. A listing of these courses is provided in the chart below. Please note the program entry level coded on the chart. Many of these courses also offer dual credit and certification opportunities for students, and this information is also listed below.

We hope to assist you and your student as they move to high school. By including career and technical education coursework in your plan of study, it will assist with determining a career path. Research shows that roughly three million jobs go unfilled in the U.S. because too few people have the skills necessary to fill them. These are job opportunities we want to assist in preparing your student to fill.

For further information regarding these courses and/or opportunities, please contact our office or your school guidance counselor.

Thank you,
Tera L. Graves, Director

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

offered in Livingston Area Schools

	Dwight	Flanagan-Cornell	Pontiac	LACC (Jr/Sr)	Prairie Central	Tri-Point	Woodland
Accounting/Bookkeeping	X	X	X		X	X	
Ag Business Management	X	X	X		X	X	X
Ag Horticulture	X	X	X		X	X	X
Ag Mech/Tech		X	0		X	X	X
Agricultural Science	X	X	X		X	X	X
Automotive Technology	0		0	X	0		
Certified Nurses Assistant - CNA			0	X			
Computer Maintenance Technician				X			
Construction Electricity					0		
Construction Trades	0		0	X	0		0
Criminal Justice				X			
Culinary Arts/Foods	0		0	X	0		
Cyber Security/Networking				X			
Digital Media/Graphics	0	0	0	X		0	
Drafting/Engineering	0		0	X	0		
Early Childhood Education	0	0	0	X	0		
Emergency Medical Technican - EMT			0	X			
Family and Consumer Science	X		X		X		
Fire Fighting				X			
Interrelated Cooperative Education		X		X	X	X	
Manufacturing				X			
Marketing			X		X		
Medical Terminology and Health Careers				X			
Precision Metal Working					0		
Welding	0		0	X	0		

0 = orientation level X = training level



HCC = Heartland Community College
JJC = Joliet Junior College

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Course	Certificate	Certification	Dual Credit
Automotive & Diesel Technology		OSHA 10	1 Credit - OSHA Certification
Certified Nurse Assistant (C.N.A)		Certified Nurse's Assistant *American Heart Association Health Care Provider BLS CPR	HCC 8 Credits - NURS 110
Computer Maintenance		CompTIA A+ TESTOUT PC PRO Certification	HCC 6 Credits - NETW 150, NETW 151
Construction Trades		OSHA 10	1 Credit - OSHA Certification
Criminal Justice		*American Heart Association Health Care Provider BLS CPR	
Culinary Arts		*ServSafe Manager *Illinois Food Handlers *ServSafe Food Allergens	JJC 2 Credits - CA 106 3 Credits – CA 105
Cyber Security/Networking		CCNA (CISCO) CompTIA Network + CompTIA A+	HCC 12 Credits - NETW 150, NETW 131, NETW 132, NETW 160
Digital Media/Graphics		Adobe Illustrator Adobe Photoshop Adobe Premiere Pro	HCC 9 Credits – DMED 101, DMED 110, DMED 120
Early Childhood Education		Early Childhood Education - Level 1 (Illinois Gateway to Opportunity) CPR/1st aid	
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)		*American Heart Association Health Care Provider BLS CPR *Eligible for IL Dept. of Public Health EMT Basic License Exam	1 Credit - EMT License
Engineering & Architectural Design		Certiport Certified User: AutoCAD, Inventor, Revit	
Fire Fighting		*American Heart Association Health Care Provider BLS CPR	
Medical Terminology & Health Careers		*American Heart Association Health Care Provider BLS CPR	HCC 3 Credits - HLTH 110
Welding	Hobart Welding School: Base Metals & Filler Metals Class Miller Welding School 1. Intro to Welding Certificate 2. SMAW Class 3. GMAW Class 4. GTAW Class Caterpillar Skills Certificates 1.Precision Measurement 2.Metallurgy 3.Employability	OSHA 10 CPR/1st Aid	HCC 6 Credits - WELD 116, WELD 118 1 Credit - OSHA Certification
Work Study			HCC 3 Credits – SCED 105