

CTE Mission

The mission of Career Technical Education is to inform all students about the options available to them in the Career Pathway system and to prepare them for high skill, high wage and high demand occupations.



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- Mini grants were awarded to automotive career academy, Cassopolis agriscience, Dowagiac business education, Edwardsburg business education, drafting career academy, Marcellus business education. Guidance counselors at the four local districts also received mini-grants.
- Students in the CADD, precision production technology and welding academies were enrolled in a class using the new robotics equipment at SMC.
- A Dowagiac student earned his EMT certification before graduation from high school.
- The Cass County Business Education/Accounting Advisory committee met two times at Lewis Cass ISD. The committee consists of all business and accounting teachers, SMC representatives and community members.
- A team of five automotive students from Dowagiac Union High competed at the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge at Lane Automotive on May 29, 2010.
- The Office of Career & Technical Education conducted a two day technical review of CTE programs and grants in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties.

Lewis Cass Career Technical Education Report 2009-2010



2009-2010 CTE Highlights

- 1594 students participated in CTE classes.
- CTE programs:
 - Accounting/Finance
 - Agriscience
 - Automotive
 - Business
 - Child Care Services
 - Construction
 - Computer Aided Drafting
 - Cosmetology
 - Culinary Services
 - Design & Graphic Arts
 - Electronics
 - Health Science
 - Precision Production
 - Public Safety
 - Welding
- 69 high school students attended academies at Southwestern Michigan College and earned 887 college credits.
- Of those 887 college credits, students earned an A or B in 81% of all classes.
- Funding from the federal Carl Perkins grant allowed CTE teachers to attend two professional development days at the ISD to align their curricula to national standards.
- In partnership with the Edward Lowe Foundation, a Young Entrepreneurship Day was held where 31 students presented business plans for review by 14 reviewers from the community.
- 23 Outstanding CTE students were honored on April 20, 2010 and \$2500 in SMC scholarships were distributed.
- Over 80 CTE students participated in Career Technical Education Student Organizations.
- The Edwardsburg Business Professionals of America competed at the National Conference and earned a 4th place in Spreadsheets, 12th place in Desktop Publishing and 12th place in Insurance Concepts.
- The Cassopolis FFA had state winners in Prepared Public Speaking and Greenhand Conduct of Meetings. The Ag Issues team won a National Silver at the National Convention. The 2009-2010 Michigan State FFA president is also a member of the Cass FFA.
- Counselors from the local districts and representatives from SMC met at the ISD 4 times to plan CTE events and learn about student CTE opportunities.
- Partners in Career Development, a committee of education, business and industry representatives, met two times at the ISD for CTE updates and to hear student presentations from Cass County CTE programs.
- In partnership with SMC, Lewis Cass ISD hosted 500 tenth grade students on the SMC campus for one day in May. Each student chose two career pathways and received information about career options, education requirements, salary ranges and expected growth in their chosen career pathways.
- 77% of CTE completers are continuing their education at a community college or 4-year university. Of those students, 91% are studying a field related to the CTE program they completed.
- 98% of CTE completers are working, in training, continuing their education or in the military.
- The NOCTI advanced accounting assessment was administered to 37 accounting students with a success rate of 78% .

