

Engineering Career Cluster

The Engineering career cluster focuses on planning, designing, testing, building, and maintaining of machines, structures, materials, systems, and processes using empirical evidence and science, technology, and math principles. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from mechanical engineer and drafter to electrical engineer and to mapping technician.

Statewide Program of Study: Engineering Foundations

The Engineering Foundations program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with a wide range of skills applied in the Engineering industry. Students will design, test, and evaluate projects related to engines, machines, and structures. This program of study incudes applying scientific, mathematical, and empirical evidence to solve problems through innovation, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of different engineering systems.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1	 Principles of Applied Engineering 8th Grade Engineering Design Process
Level 2	Engineering Science
Level 3	Architectural Engineering
Level 4	Physics for EngineeringEngineering Design and Problem Solving

Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

АР	AP Calculus AB AP Computer Science A	AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Statistics
Dual Credit Dual credit offerings will vary by local education agency.		ry by local education agency.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based **Learning Activities**

- Intern at an engineering, robotics, or aerospace company.
- Visit an engineering firm and shadow multiple types of engineers.

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Participate in SkillsUSA or TSA
- Join a local engineering association and attend meetings.

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

· Engineering Technology Foundations



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

Industrial Engineering Technician Apprenticeship



Associate Degrees

- Manufacturing Engineering Technology/ Technician
- Robotics Technology/Technician

Bachelor's Degrees

- **Electrical and Electronics Engineering**
- Engineering, General

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Engineering, General

Additional Stackable IBCs/Licensures

- Professional Engineer (PE License)
- Engineer in Training Certification (EIT)



Example Aligned Occupations

Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians

Median Wage: \$60,297 Annual Openings: 899 10-Year Growth: 11%

Civil Engineers

Median Wage: \$82,483 Annual Openings: 2,223 10-Year Growth: 18%

Mechanical Engineers

Median Wage: \$103,189 Annual Openings: 1,455 10-Year Growth: 19%

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