

Chambersburg Area Career Magnet School Q & A

1. What grades can attend the Career Magnet? Are there minimum requirements to attend? ***At this time, there are no minimum requirements to attend the Career Magnet School. We have the ability to support 500 students grade 9th – 12th. Students who elected to attend the Franklin County Career and Technology Center (FCCTC) will attend the Career Magnet to complete academic requirements.***
2. How many different career programs are offered at the FCCTC and what are they? ***The FCCTC is a separate secondary option for students. Not all students who attend the Career Magnet will elect to attend the FCCTC. However, the staff of the Career Magnet will work collaboratively with the staff of the FCCTC to assist students in making decisions regarding the program offerings of the FCCTC. The FCCTC currently has 25 program areas of study. Please visit www.franklinctc.com for descriptions of the programs.***
3. Does the Career Magnet offer careers in the following?
 - a. Photography-***No, but this is offered as an elective course through CASHS and is being considered as an elective for CACMS.***
 - b. Law Enforcement-***No, this program is not offered at FCCTC.***
 - c. Mechanics-***Yes, students who attend the Career Magnet will have the opportunity to study the field of Mechanics through the FCCTC.***
 - d. Vet Tech.-***Yes, this is offered at FCCTC.***
 - e. Video Production-***Yes, this is available at Career Magnet School.***
 - f. Visual Effects-***Yes, students who attend the Career Magnet will have the opportunity to learn about Visual Effects through the FCCTC's Graphic Communications program.***
 - g. Architecture-***Yes, elements of the field of Architecture will be studied through programs at the FCCTC.***
 - h. Different medical Areas-***Yes, students who attend the Career Magnet will have the opportunity to study and explore Medical fields through the Career Exploration Lab and the Allied health Program at the FCCTC.***
4. Do you have anything for the armed forces? ***Recruiters for the various branches of the armed forces will offer informational sessions to the students of the Career Magnet School.***
5. What are the course levels? ***Academic courses will be offered at the College Preparatory, Honors, Advance Placement Level, and College in the High School through HACC and University of Pittsburgh. Some courses will be offered through an online delivery model.***
6. Is it block (2 period) scheduling for every class? ***No, course options will exist for both a traditional (1 period) delivery and a block (2 period) delivery. However, students who attend the Career Magnet and the FCCTC will be required to complete their***

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academic courses through a block delivery. The schedule is single periods for Freshmen and Modified Block for 10th -12th.

7. Will the Magnet School have its own extracurricular activities? Sports? Clubs? *All students who attend the Career Magnet will have the option to participate in sports through CASHS. There will not be separate athletic teams. Students will also be able to participate in CASHS band and orchestra. Any club offered at CASHS that meets after school will also be available to Career Magnet students. Additionally, career focus clubs such as Skills USA will be available through the FCCTC. Career Magnet School also has many clubs of its own.*
8. What are the different language courses that will be available? *Currently, students will be able to take Latin, German, and Spanish at the Career Magnet. For other languages such as Mandarin Chinese, an online option will be provided.*
9. Are there classes for Psychology? Art? *Both Psychology and Art are considered elective courses. Electives at the Career Magnet will be offered, but a student's ability to take such electives will be dependent on their career path. Some electives at the Career magnet will be offered through an online delivery method.*
10. Are there performing arts? *Yes, students will be able to participate in band and orchestra through CASHS.*
11. Can you take gifted classes at the Magnet school? *Yes, gifted course work, such as Advance Placement Classes will be offered at the Career Magnet.*
12. Can you take honors and /or Advance Placement classes at the Magnet School? *Yes.*
13. What are the lunches like? *The Career Magnet School will share a fully functioning cafeteria with the FCCTC. Students who attend the FCCTC commented that "they prefer these lunches over the cafeteria food of their home school".*
14. How long is the school day? *The school day will mirror the day at CASHS. 7:55 am to 2:32pm.*
15. Will students from other school districts go to the Career Magnet School? *No, not at this time, however, students from other school districts do attend the FCCTC.*
16. Are there better scholarship opportunities? *There is no cost to attend the Career Magnet. This is a secondary option offered to the students of the Chambersburg Area School District. Information regarding scholarships for Post-Secondary education can be obtained through the guidance offices.*
17. If you go to CASHS can you go to the FCCTC? *If you go to CASHS in 9th grade, you can elect to attend the FCCTC for your 10th grade year; however, you will then complete any remaining academic requirements, such as English or Math at the Career Magnet School.*
18. Can you go back to CASHS? *Yes, if you decide the Career Magnet is not a fit for you, you can elect to return to CASHS for the next academic year.*

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19. What is the application deadline? ***The beginning of February is the deadline for applications. Late applications will be considered if space is available.***
20. What is the 9th grade career exploratory class? ***Every 9th grade student that attends the Career Magnet will be required to complete the career exploratory class. This class will combine computer based instruction with hands-on career exploration. The Career Magnet School will have a state of the art technology enhanced career exploratory lab. Additionally, the Career Magnet will partner with the FCCTC to expose students to the program offerings of the FCCTC and the careers that can be pursued as a result of program completion.***
21. What type of computer technology will be used at the Career Magnet? ***Apple iPads are given to each student.***
22. Does the Career Magnet have a website? ***Yes, go to www.casdonline.org click on schools then select Career Magnet School from the bottom of the list. You can see announcements, school calendar, PTSA page and much more.***
23. Can I apply to CMS for any grade Level? ***Yes the application is online and students can be accepted for any grade level 9th -12th.***

For additional questions, please contact Dr. Mark Long at 717. 261-5656.