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Arlington Career and Technical Education students receive hands-on training during pandemic

ARLINGTON- Most Arlington middle and high school students are engaged in distance learning due to COVID-19 restrictions but Career and Technical Education (CTE) students are able to put their skills to the test one day a week. Starting in November, CTE students began attending classes on-campus once a week on Fridays at Arlington High School.

“How are we supposed to give these students credit if they’ve never welded or used a power tool?” said Brian Long, Director of College and Career Readiness. “We can’t simply send this equipment home. Students in these classes need hands-on experience so they can learn the skills they need to be successful in their future careers.”

Arlington High School Sophomore, Parker Hadlock, has learned a lot in the past month by being on campus once a week.

“Coming on-campus to my Metal Manufacturing class has been awesome. It’s great being in the shop. I’m definitely a hands-on learner.”

Long created a plan to ensure students and staff could safely meet. Students and staff have to wear masks and maintain a six-foot distance from each other. There are also morning and afternoon classes so that the number of students in each class is kept to a minimum.

Arlington currently offers Wood Technology, Health Sciences and Sports Medicine, Metal Manufacturing, Journalism/Yearbook, Culinary Arts, and Air Force Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps as CTE classes.

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