

CHESTER COUNTY
 INTERMEDIATE
 UNIT 24

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
 HIGH SCHOOL (TCHS)

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 27, 2010

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<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 4.31, 12.41</p> <p>2. Authority SC 964</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">115. THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (TCHS)</p> <p>The Intermediate Unit shall operate the Technical College High School (“TCHS”) on behalf of its member school districts to provide the services necessary for students enrolled in career and technical education programs.</p> <p>The Board established the Technical College High School as a joint venture between the Intermediate Unit and Delaware County Community College to provide educational programs to both high school and college students.</p> <p>The Board established the Technical College High School as a joint venture between the Intermediate Unit, Delaware County Community College and other post-secondary institutions in order to provide secondary and post-secondary educational programs to both high school and college students.</p> <p>The Board shall approve a program of services to accommodate students enrolled in career and technical education programs as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traditional career and technical programs similar to those that were offered at the Center for Arts and Technology. 2. Associate degree programs from Delaware County Community College and/or other degree-granting post-secondary education institutions. 3. Dual enrollment or similar programs that blend high school programs with for-credit college courses. <p><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p>The mission of the TCHS, as partners for economic and workforce development in Chester County, is to engage students in the academic and technical preparation necessary to continue their education, launch their careers and become lifelong learners.</p> <p>The Technical College High School, which consists of the Brandywine Campus in Downingtown, the Pennocks Bridge Campus in West Grove and the Pickering Campus in Phoenixville, shall be administered by the Career, Technical and Customized Education Division (“CTCE”) of the Intermediate Unit. This policy and</p>
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<p>Pol. 115.1</p>	<p>related policies shall apply to successor campuses of TCHS.</p> <p>TCHS shall operate in accordance with the policies approved by the Intermediate Unit Board, administrative procedures and guidelines disseminated in student handbooks.</p> <p><u>Admission</u></p> <p>Admission to the Technical College High School shall be based upon the criteria established in Board policy.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Students are expected to maintain excellent attendance practices in order to develop the skills, knowledge, attitude and behavior necessary to succeed in postsecondary education and employment.</p> <p>Students are expected to maintain an attendance rate of 95% (10 school days' absence per year) or better during the school year.</p> <p>Students must attend 90% of the scheduled class periods to expect course completion. Failure to do so may result in failure for the marking period, semester, or school year.</p> <p>Excessive tardiness is also unacceptable both at school and in the workplace. Therefore, every four (4) instances of lateness will be considered as one (1) unexcused absence.</p> <p>Class attendance is a student's obligation and responsibility. A student who violates this policy will not receive credit for the course in which s/he is enrolled and may be denied the opportunity to continue his/her program during the next school year.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians will be notified in writing (by certified mail) when students have missed five (5) and nine (9) days of a one-semester course and ten (10) and eighteen (18) days of a full-year course. The administration and guidance staff at the student's sending school will also be notified in writing of the attendance problem. A parental conference will then be held to discuss the student's absenteeism.</p> <p>Absences due to sending school activities, sending school calendar differences, school-imposed suspensions, funeral and/or religious observations will not be counted towards this policy. Serious or prolonged illness and other extenuating circumstances will be considered when administering this policy.</p> <p><u>Grading/Assessment</u></p>
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<p>Pol. 115.2</p> <p>SC 1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p>	<p>Students shall be assessed in accordance with the guidelines disseminated in student handbooks.</p> <p>A weighted grading system will be established for honors and advanced placement (AP) courses available at TCHS.</p> <p><u>Graduation Requirements</u></p> <p>Requirements for graduation from TCHS shall be based on the guidelines established in Board policy.</p> <p><u>Student Dress</u></p> <p>Students attending TCHS shall be required to wear career attire when specified for occupational programs.</p> <p>Students participating in the exploratory program shall be exempt from the dress requirement until they select a specific occupational program as their major.</p> <p>Students attending TCHS shall wear appropriate attire in physical education classes when required.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 964, 1317.3</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.31, 12.11, 12.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 115.1, 115.2, 115.3</p>
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