

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Kansas:

Kansas utilizes the National Career Cluster model. Technological advances and global competition have transformed the nature of work. Tomorrow's jobs will require additional knowledge, improved skills and highly flexible workers who continually update their knowledge and skills.

The goal of Kansas CTE is to provide students with relevant contexts for learning through pathways to college and career readiness. Career Clusters link what students learn in school to the knowledge and skills they need for success in post-secondary education and careers.

Kansas CTE Major Responsibilities:

Carl D. Perkins Federal Funds: These funds are available to establish Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that have successfully completed the pathway approval process. The funding is used to improve, expand, enhance and/or modernize existing programs/pathways. **BJSHS is a member of the Smoky Hill Education Service Center Perkins Consortium. We join with other schools in northcentral Kansas to qualify for additional federal CTE funding to help purchase equipment and pay for professional development for staff.**

State-Weighted Funding: Since the 1992 legislative session, .5 state-weighted monies have been available for state-approved career and technical programs. The funding is used to pay for instructor professional development, specialized equipment, and allow for smaller class sizes.

Career Clusters: The Career Clusters represent a grouping of occupations based on broad industry commonalities. Kansas has 31 pathways representing the 16 occupation clusters. This range of pathways provide opportunities to instruct and guide all students regardless of their career goals and interests... (Additional information: www.careertech.org) **BJSHS currently has 7 pathways developed that reflect the needs of our local and regional community, with others currently under exploration. Those seven are: Agriculture Science; Audio/Visual Communications; Business Finance; Construction; Family & Community Services; Power, Structural and Technical Systems; and Teaching/Training.**

Concentrators: Students who earn 3 full credits in a given pathway are considered to be "Concentrators" in that pathway.

Articulation Agreements: Every pathway offers the opportunity to achieve post-secondary credit and/or tuition waivers for Concentrators in a pathway who continue studying in that pathway beyond high school. BJSJS currently has Articulation Agreements with North Central Kansas Technical College, Cloud County Community College and Pittsburg State University.