

Certificate of Employability

School Newsletter Information

Attention high school students and parents!

If you want to gain a competitive advantage in your job search please read below.

October has been designated by the four schools in Polk County as the month to promote the Certificate of Employability. We are promoting it to school staff, school boards, school site councils, students and parents. This article is to inform you about the Certificate of Employability's use and importance in the education of your students.

What is it?

The Certificate of Employability is the result of a joint effort between the school districts and the Chambers of Commerce. It is a tool to hold students accountable for their actions in the classroom and to give special emphasis to the work-related skills that are being taught. It is also a way for businesses to verify a student's work-related skills.

The enclosed brochure explains in more detail the specific qualifications that a student must achieve to be able to apply for the Certificate of Employability. Through the application process, the students will be evaluated in the work-related skill areas of personal management, teamwork, problem solving and communication.

How can students benefit?

Students can benefit by obtaining a Certificate of Employability because it is an endorsement of the students work habits within the classroom. Area employers will have more confidence in students with the certificate because they have already demonstrated the desirable work skills, even though they may not have prior work experience.

When will this take place?

The first Certificate of Employability will be issued in January 1999. At the end of each semester students must reapply to maintain a current certificate.

Questions?

Please contact the Career Center at Central High School or the Willamette Education Service District, 606-9906.