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VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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# GRADE 8 STUDENTS

In just a few short months, you will decide which high school you would like to attend in the fall. **We want to help you make that decision.**

Tri-County offers many of the same opportunities as a traditional high school with the added benefit of a career-focused education. At Tri-County, students can take Advanced Placement courses, be a star athlete, and be accepted into a selective four-year college while gaining hands-on experience in the areas they are passionate about!

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit Tri-County, please visit our website [www.tri-county.us](http://www.tri-county.us) and Facebook for a virtual tour and to see videos about career programs, and the daily life of a Tri-County Student. Please call **(508) 528-5400 ext. 125** if you have any questions about the school or Admissions process.

To apply, **please complete an application online by visiting Tri-County's website,**

[www.tri-county.us](http://www.tri-county.us)

If you do not have access to the internet, please call (508) 528-5400 ext. 125 to request a paper copy of the application.

We hope the information provided in this booklet will help you to make an informed decision about which school best suits your interests and future career goals.

*"Tri-county provides you with amazing opportunities that. It allows you to have a new start and meet new people."*

Angelina Lunn, Health Careers  
North Attleboro

*\*Many photos throughout this booklet were taken prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic*

## PROUDLY SERVING

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School is proud to serve the following communities in our district:

- Franklin
- Medfield
- Medway
- Millis
- Norfolk
- North Attleboro
- Plainville
- Seekonk
- Sherborn
- Walpole
- Wrentham

**WE HOPE YOU BECOME PART OF  
OUR TRI-COUNTY FAMILY!  
WORK HARD, TODAY COUNTS!**



# Purpose-Driven Education

Tri-County offers all that a traditional high school provides with added perks.

During the first half of freshman year, students complete a process known as “Exploratory.” Much like entering college with an “Undecided” major, **Exploratory gives students a chance to test-drive several different career-focused programs** before selecting their top choices. The Exploratory Program allows

students to try out all sixteen different Career Programs for a half day each, then students select their six favorite programs to explore for a week each.

Tri-County operates on an alternating week schedule, with students spending one week in traditional academic courses and the other week in vocational/technical studies. Each Career Program offers certifications and real-world career-focused experience to its students, opening the door to more diverse career choices upon graduation. Students who pursue higher education are able to hold higher paying part-time positions and feel better prepared for collegiate courses.



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# STUDENTS WITH CAREER PLANS

## CAREER PROGRAMS

- Automotive Technology
- Carpentry
- Computer Information Systems
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Early Education
- Electrical Wiring Technology
- Engineering Technology
- Graphic Communications
- Health Careers
- HVAC
- Legal and Protective services
- Medical Assisting
- Metal Fabrication
- Plumbing and Hydronic Heating

**In-depth information about each program is available under the Career Programs section on our website, [www.tri-county.us/career-programs/](http://www.tri-county.us/career-programs/)**

Tri-County teachers and school counselors work in harmony to support the career-focused goals and aspirations of each student. The school proudly offers a multitude of resources to help students reach their greatest potential to attain academic and vocational-technical excellence.

The Guidance Department works closely with students who wish to attend college and boasts a **100-percent success rate in placing those students in post-secondary institutions.** The school has **strong partnerships with hundreds of local businesses** that allow us





to help place students who wish to enter the workforce after graduation. Our school counselors host college fairs, alumni panels and financial aid seminars to help Tri-County families better prepare for their future.

*“The hands-on teaching style lets you work with tools similar to those in the workforce which gives you practical experience you would get reading or researching about them.”*

Lisa Grealish, Legal and Protective Services, Norfolk

Tri-County has teamed up with Bristol Community College to offer college-level Spanish 101 and 102 courses. Passing these courses will fulfill the foreign language requirement for college admissions. Students are able to earn up to six transferable college credits. *Note: Tri-County does not require students take a foreign language.*

To learn more about the resources available to Tri-County students, visit the [Student Services](#) section on the website..





## A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE BEGINS HERE

Tri-County offers an award-winning Advanced Placement curriculum for those students who would like a head start on their collegiate studies. Tri-County's Advanced Placement offerings include:

- Calculus
- Computer Science Principles
- Human Geography
- Language and Composition
- Literature and Composition
- Physics
- Statistics
- U.S. History

**As the workforce changes, Tri-County adapts to include the highest sought after Career Programs.**

## ALWAYS ADAPTING TO STUDENTS' NEEDS

The United States Department of Labor has projected a 29% growth rate for Medical Assistants through 2026. This is a higher than average growth rate producing an average annual opening rate of nearly 3,000 positions throughout Massachusetts. Tri-County is happy to announce that we have added Medical Assisting to our health-related majors, which already includes Dental Assisting and Health Careers.

As a multifaceted profession in healthcare, medical assisting includes working in a clinical and administrative role in a high-stakes, ambulatory care setting and hospital. This program is designed to acquaint students with numerous career opportunities available to them in the health care field.

*"I choose to attend Tri-County because I wanted to get a head start on my career, and the vocational programs here are the perfect place to do that."*

Jenna Barber, Health Careers  
North Attleboro

Our new Medical Assisting program offers certificates in Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, EKG, CPR for Health Care Workers and OSHA 10. Basic laboratory skills, administrative skills, medical records, venipuncture, medications and electrocardiography will be explored through both classroom and laboratory experiences. This program is certified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.



## **RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS**

Tri-County offers Juniors and Seniors a unique career-focused opportunity to be employed in their field of study while still in high school.

**The Cooperative (Co-op) Education Program** provides qualified students with the opportunity to enhance their vocational-technical training through work experience in industry working a job related to their career-focused education.

**Co-op provides students with a rich and more meaningful education by empowering students to further hone their technical knowledge and skills, gain new perspectives, and find the confidence to transform their lives.**

Co-op takes place on an alternate week basis during the regularly scheduled vocational-technical week.

By embracing the challenges of the Co-op programs, our graduates set themselves up for success in full-time employment, higher education, and military service. There is no better experience than the real thing, and the perk of a paycheck!



# DON'T JUST TAKE IT FROM US

Our students have selected a career-focused education for a variety of reasons. When it comes to deciding where you want to attend school for the next four years, we think it's important you hear from other students.

**Q** Why did you choose to attend Tri-County?

**A** I chose Tri-County over a traditional high school for the hands on learning. Tri-County simulates the real world workplace.

*Martin Tripp, Health Careers Walpole*

**Q** How would you describe your time at Tri-County?

**A** Tri-County is high energy and educational. I learned so much and had many opportunities to grow as a healthcare worker, student, and person. From SkillsUSA and NHS to sports and clubs, Tri-County really has everything that a traditional high school has and more.

*Oliver Bower, Health Careers Franklin*

**Q** Do you feel Tri-County is preparing you to enter the workforce or attend college?

**A** Yes, Tri-County prepares students for the workforce and college. By allowing students to gain knowledge in particular areas of study (programs), and the opportunity to be on co-op jobs, students gain particular knowledge of an area of interest, and they have work experience to find jobs and add experience to their resumes.

*Vivienne Seested, Engineering Franklin*

**Q** What would you say to students deciding between their town HS and Tri-County?

**A** Choose Tri-County. You learn much more while attending this school. You get a leg up on your fellow classmates if you go to college, since you learn time management while attending shop. You also have to be diligent with your homework during shop week.

*Annika Yanoshak, Engineering Franklin*

**Q** Are you happy with your decision to attend Tri-County?

**A** Yes, I earned my CNA certification from Tri-County, gained plenty of experience from clinical and worked as a CNA during the pandemic. I am applying to college to become an RN and believe I have a great advantage over other applicants.

*Holly Clement, Health Careers Norfolk*

**Q** Did you enjoy the freshman exploratory program?

**A** Yes. When I went to Tri-County, I knew which program I wanted, but the exploratory program taught me many things. I know basic electrical wiring, basic plumbing tasks, and more that I still apply at home to this day.

*John McNulty, Health Careers Franklin*

## FAST FACTS

**16:1**

Average class student to teacher



**8**

AP courses offered

**120**

AP exams taken yearly



**100%**

of 2020 alumni went on to college, the workforce, or military after graduation

**\$72,000**

given yearly to Tri-County to provide scholarships and tool awards to graduating seniors



### Top 3 Reasons to attend

*According to current students*

- Co-op
- Hands-on Learning
- Supportive teachers, staff, and students

**13**

Sports offered

**18**

Clubs/Extracurriculars



# DID YOU KNOW

Tri-County offers more than 30 extracurricular activities including Student Government, Math Team, Drama Club, and First Robotics. Our athletic teams compete in the MIAA Mayflower Athletic Conference.

## SPORTS, CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Tri-County has great sports programs! From football and soccer to track and ice hockey—we've got you covered.

Tri-County is a member of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and competes in the Mayflower Athletic Conference. Our athletic teams have experienced a great deal of success. Stop by the gymnasium during your tour and take a look! Tri-County athletics include:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross-country
- Football
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



Tri-County also offers a variety of clubs and activities for students including:

- Anime Club
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Game Club
- Garden Club
- Green Club
- GSA
- Math team
- Music Club
- National Honor Society
- Non-Traditional Vocational Support Program
- Robotics Club
- SADD
- Ski Club
- Student Government
- Teens Against Ignorance/Diversity Club
- Yearbook



Each Tri-County Student receives membership into SkillsUSA, a national professional organization for career and technical students. Through SkillsUSA, students can compete at the local, state and national level in events that demonstrate the skills they have acquired in their Career Program.

*We offer late buses and sports buses for students who stay after school to participate in activities.*

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Some of the colleges Tri-County students have been accepted into include:

- Anna Maria College
- Assumption University
- Babson College
- Becker College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bridgewater State University
- Bristol Community College
- Bryant University
- Champlain College
- Colby-Sawyer College
- Columbia College of Art
- Community College of Rhode Island
- Culinary Institute of America
- Curry College
- Dean College
- Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College
- Endicott College
- Fitchburg State University
- Framingham State University
- Franklin Pierce University
- Hampshire College
- Ithaca College
- Johnson & Wales University
- Keene State College
- Lesley University
- Liberty University
- Mass. Bay Community College
- Mass. College of Art & Design
- Mass. College of Liberal Arts
- Mass. Maritime Academy
- Mass. College of Pharmacy and Health Services
- Massasoit Community College
- Merrimack College
- Montclair State University
- New England Culinary Institute
- New England Tech Institute
- Newbury College
- Nichols College
- North Greenville University
- Northeastern University
- Norwich University
- Pace University
- Paul Smith's College
- Philadelphia University
- Plymouth State University
- Pratt Institute of Art
- Purdue University
- Quinsigamond Community College
- Regis College
- Rhode Island College
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Robert Morris University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Sacred Heart University
- Salem State University
- Savannah College of Art and Design School of Visual Arts NYC
- Southern NH University
- Springfield College
- Stonehill College
- Suffolk University
- SUNY Cobleskill
- Temple University
- Texas A&M University
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point University of Bridgeport
- University of Connecticut
- University of Hartford
- University of Maine
- University of Maryland
- UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell (Commonwealth Honors Program)
- University of New England
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Tennessee
- University of Texas
- University of Vermont
- Utica College
- Vermont Technical College
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Western New England University
- Westfield State University
- Wheelock College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Worcester State University

# CLASS OF 2025 ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

While Tri-County accepts applications on a rolling basis, we do anticipate a wait list for Fall 2021. As a courtesy, we've compiled this timeline to ensure applicants are aware of the recommended application deadline.

**September- Early January** Priority Deadline for Application completion.

**February** Tri-County will conduct middle-school interviews virtually.

**Early April** Application decisions made for students who applied by the beginning of January. Placement Assessment begins.

**May** Completed Registration paperwork due.\*

**June** Final report cards requested and reviewed. All students must pass and be promoted to attend Tri-County.

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*\*Any accepted student who does not notify Tri-County of his/her decision by the advertised deadline will be moved to "inactive" status. "Inactive" students will be placed on the waiting list should they notify Tri-County of their decision to attend after the advertised deadline.*



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**SkillsUSA**  
Champions all Work

**PREPARED SPEECH**

This contest requires students to deliver a speech five to seven minutes in length on a common theme established by National SkillsUSA early in the school year. Contestants are evaluated on their ability to present thoughts relating to a contest theme clearly and effectively, and on voice, mechanics, and platform deportment.

