

Middle School Pathway Exploration Policy:

Mashpee Public Schools

Overview and Goals

This policy outlines how Mashpee Public Schools, as a sending district, will comply with Massachusetts state regulations (603 CMR 4.00) to ensure that middle school students are made aware of and gain exposure to career technical education (CTE) schools and programs. This policy documents how the Mashpee Public Schools will inform middle school students about opportunities that are available to them at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. The district understands that it is required to develop, maintain, and submit this policy to DESE by November 1, 2025, and as amended. An annual attestation that the policy has been implemented will be submitted. This policy will also be made available on the district website and provided in written copies to students and parents upon request.

The goal of this policy is to provide students with meaningful and substantive opportunities to learn about CTE. CTE prepares students for success in college, career, and life by integrating academic instruction with hands-on learning in high-skill, high-demand fields. By providing students with information about CTE programs that are aligned with industry standards, the district aims to help students explore their interests, develop technical and employability skills, and earn industry-recognized credentials. The exploration and awareness of secondary school options, including CTE, are connected to a student's secondary and post-secondary academic and career planning.

High School Pathway Options

Mashpee Public Schools students have access to CTE Career Connection programs offered at Mashpee Middle-High School and Chapter 74 programs offered at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, our regional Vocational school. The district will collaborate to provide students with information on how their programs connect to their academic and career goals.

Middle School Career Exploration and Awareness

The district's approach to career exploration is connected to a student's secondary and post-secondary academic and career planning through the implementation of MyCAP (My Career and Academic Plan). The district will utilize MyCAP to help students plan their high school and career goals. The district will also describe how the exploration of secondary school options is connected to a student's academic and career planning.

- **Information Sharing:** By October 15 of each school year, the district will offer CTE schools and programs, including Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, the opportunity to provide information about CTE programs and careers to middle school students. This can be done on-site at Mashpee Middle- High School, via mail and email, and on Mashpee Middle-High School's public-facing website. Additionally, CTE schools are welcome to schedule a presentation at a school assembly.

- **Collaboration:** Mashpee Middle-High School will collaborate with Cape Cod Technical Regional High School to inform students of opportunities. Annual planning meetings will take place with Cape Cod Regional Technical High School so that staff from both schools can coordinate schedules and logistics.
- **Student Data Release:** Mashpee Middle-High School shall release the names, addresses, and emails of seventh and eighth-grade students and their parents/guardians to authorized personnel at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School no later than October 15 of each school year. Mashpee Middle-High School will give public notice that they release this information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable time to request that the information not be released without prior consent.

CTE Tour Policies

Mashpee Public Schools will provide all middle school students with an opportunity to tour CTE schools and programs, specifically Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, during regular school hours.

- **Transportation:** The school hosting the tour—in this case, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School—will assume the transportation costs. Mashpee Middle-High School will seek to schedule a chaperoned field trip to Cape Cod Regional Technical High School annually.
- **Absences:** A student's participation in a CTE tour will be an excused absence as long as the host school confirms their attendance. The district will not withhold student access to tours during the school day.

Providing Records to Cape Cod Technical Regional High School and Programs

Mashpee Public Schools will provide information to CTE schools and programs during the admission process. The district will align its process with Cape Cod Regional Technical High School to identify what information is needed and when.

Grade Promotion: Mashpee Public Schools will release information about promotion after a student is enrolled.

Record Maintenance

Mashpee Public Schools will maintain documentation of student participation in tours, presentations, and other elements of this policy's implementation, such as the sharing of contact information, MyCAP records, and CTE access schedules.

Appendix A

Mashpee Middle-High School MyCAP Scope and Sequence by Grade Level

Appendix B

Mashpee Middle-High School “Opt-Out” Option for Mashpee Middle-High School Parents

Appendix A

College and Career Advising & MyCAP – 7th Grade

Domain	Learning Objectives (What students should know and be able to do)	Artifacts/Assessments/Documentation (documentation of learning and planning may be within a portal of in a separate portfolio)	Lessons and Activities (may include where they happen)
Personal Social	<p>Students will understand growth mindset and the value of resilience, perseverance, and a positive attitude for future success</p> <p>Students will establish and maintain healthy relationships with diverse individuals and groups resisting inappropriate social pressures and constructively negotiating conflict</p>	<p>Set two personal goals for the year and include steps and supports needed to achieve them</p> <p>Upload artifacts from projects to individual MyCAP</p>	<p>Growth Mindset sample lesson</p> <p>Healthy Relationships sample lesson 1 sample lesson 2</p> <p><u>Projects:</u></p> <p>Essay or Slide Show demonstrating when individuals had persevered, were resilient or showed a positive attitude</p> <p>Artwork depicting resilience and/or perseverance</p>
Career Development Education	<p>Students will identify behaviors and skills necessary for success in the workforce</p> <p>Students will understand career development education – awareness, exploration, Immersion - and the activities available across the spectrum</p> <p>Students will engage in career awareness activities including exploring careers of interest on the online portal</p>	<p>Completion of the Where I am Going lesson stored online or artifacts from lesson uploaded to student MyCAP</p> <p>Upload information of three career interests based on exploration activities</p> <p>Pathful Activity</p> <p>Naviance Curriculum</p>	<p>MassHire CIS JR: “Where am I Going/Employability Skills”</p> <p>Career Exploration Activities:</p> <p>Speaker Day: businesses, police, fire, etc.</p> <p>MockInterviews: MEFA: “Practicing Interview Questions”</p> <p><u>Project:</u> Create a “Success Pamphlet” describing the work behaviors and skills needed to get and keep a job of their choosing</p>
Academic College and Career Planning	<p>Students will understand the importance of academic success in middle school for future success</p> <p>Students will understand the variety of postsecondary options</p> <p>Students will understand the relationship of their academic courses, postsecondary options and career interests</p>	<p>Results of lessons/activities stored in MyCAP:</p> <p>MassHire CIS JR: “Where am I Going”</p> <p>MEFA Pathways: “Exploring Options After High School”</p> <p>Use college search aligned to career interests</p>	<p>Create Lesson: compare the entrance requirements for local high school options (CTE, Private, charter, all district high school choices if more than one); include required middle school information. Identify school options aligned with interests. Visit CTE school</p> <p><u>Projects:</u></p> <p>Timeline depicting a career pathway of interest highlighting the academic requirements across the timeline from middle to high school and to postsecondary options</p>

College and Career Advising & MyCAP – 8th Grade

Domain	Learning Objectives (What students should know and be able to do)	Artifacts/Assessments/Documentation (documentation of learning and planning may be within a portal of in a separate portfolio)	Lessons and Activities (may include where they happen)
Personal Social	<p>Students will develop strong decision-making skills</p> <p>Students will identify the skills and behaviors necessary for success in high school</p>	<p>Store results of Reality Check in online portal</p> <p>Upload reflection on differences and personal changes</p>	<p><u>MassHire CIS “Reality Check:”</u> Discuss needs vs wants; identify impulsive vs thoughtful decisions</p> <p>Video: Difference between middle and high school Write reflection identifying personal changes needed for success in high school</p> <p>Make HS Count Activities</p>
Career Development Education	<p>Students will demonstrate research skills as relates to careers of interest (entry-level requirements, salary, education, skills, etc.)</p> <p>Students will create a career action plan for a career of interest</p> <p>Students will understand the process for accessing a part-time job and complete a job application</p>	<p><u>Upload to student account:</u></p> <p>Video of presentation</p> <p>Artifacts from the presentation</p> <p>Pathful Activity</p> <p>Navigate Curriculum</p>	<p>Capstone Project: Identify a primary career of interest Prepare a presentation (to parents/school community) to highlight how it is aligned to interests, strengths and talents, further training/education necessary; salary, skills needed. Focus on what is needed in high school including courses to take, if there is a designated Pathway, work-based learning opportunities, extracurricular activities, etc.</p> <p>Cape Cod Tech Tour in December.</p>
Academic College and Career Planning	<p>Students will understand the vocabulary and opportunities available in high school and align choices with career interests:</p> <p>Course of study including AP and EC</p> <p>Schedules</p> <p>Credits</p> <p>Pathways Offerings</p> <p>Work based learning</p> <p>Extracurricular activities</p>	<p>Upload four-year academic plan</p> <p>Identify two academic goals for grade 9</p>	<p>Students will develop a 4-year academic plan for high school aligned with strengths, interests and skills</p>

Appendix B

October 27, 2025

Dear Mashpee Parents/Guardians:

All Mashpee Middle-High School 8th-grade students are scheduled to participate in a visit to Cape Cod Regional Technical High School (Harwich, MA) on December 4, 2025. This visit provides students with exposure to the technical and vocational programs available at Cape Cod Tech.

If you do not want your student to participate, you may **opt out by email** only. Please email Catherine Cameron, Guidance Office Administrative Assistant, at ccameron@mbspk12.org, and include your student's full name and your **request to opt out** of the Cape Cod Tech visit.

Your request must be received by **Monday, November 3, 2025**. If we do not receive an email by that date, your student will be included in the visit.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Brady
Principal