

Summary of Key Findings for Career Technical Education

The Career Technical Education (CTE) program is one of the most diverse departments at Henry M. Gunn High School. The department offers a wide variety of classes and allows students an opportunity to explore their interests in an environment that give valuable experiences inside and in many cases, outside the classroom setting.

Strengths:

1. Diversity of CTE class offerings that enable students to find a class that meets their interest D
2. Technology is used extensively in all CTE classes. (ESLR #7) I
3. Students have the opportunity to practice what they learn. (all ESLR's) I, S
4. Each CTE teacher is an expert in the class they teach. I
5. CTE offers specialty classes for students to develop their interest. D
6. CTE students have a strong affinity for their subject and in many cases the class becomes a second home. C
7. All CTE classes use many different forms of student assessments. (all ESLR's) S
8. New building will be completed in the fall of 2009 and will allow CTE programs to grow. E
9. All CTE teachers attend professional development opportunities to further their own teaching practices. I
10. Students attend events outside of school and have the opportunity to show what they have learned in different settings. (all ESLR's) I, S
11. Creativity and collaboration amongst students. C

Areas of Growth:

1. Transition planning. We need to look at planning on bringing in new teachers to replaces those who will be moving on. E
2. This year and next year we need to plan on utilizing the new building to maximize instructional practices. E
3. Developing new CTE classes such as Project Lead the Way to accommodate for student growth, and student interests. (ESLR #1, 3) D, E
4. Build the overall community awareness of the strengths and importance of the CTE program. C