

**Single Plan for Student Achievement
Career Technical Education Department Tasks
2009-2015**

Goal A: Diversity and choice

To acknowledge and honor the diversity of the Gunn community and provide students with effective choices.

A1. Explore introduction of new courses and programs based on student needs.

- *Gunn Career Technical Education (CTE) Department looks to add courses next year such as:*
 - Video Production III*
 - Digital Electronics*
 - Animation*
- *We will look to add future courses in CTE that are relevant to the ever changing global world we live.*

A2. Provide support for students to be successful in existing and new programs.

- *CTE classes have generally been areas of success for students who have not performed well in core classes. We look to continue to examine ways to support the needs of ELL students, Special Ed students.*

A3. Involve and educate parents of students needing support.

- *Continue to communicate with parents through InClass, emails and phone calls. We will continue to use all methods of communication available to help parents keep up to date with the academic needs of their child.*

Goal B: Instructional practices

To maintain and encourage instructional practices that ensure student success.

B1. Encourage teacher collaboration and sharing of best practices.

- *While each CTE course is very different, we will continue to collaborate within the department on best practices and techniques to improve classroom learning.*

B2: Increase variety of instructional techniques.

- *Continue to use a variety of technology tools to enhance learning.*
- *We will continue to use staff development and workshops for teachers to learn new skills to develop their teaching.*

Goal C: Community and communication

To maintain a sense of community by streamlining communications, facilitating transitions, and reaching out to those not yet connected.

C1: Streamline communication with students, parents, faculty and community

- *A key goal for CTE is to improve the visibility of the department. CTE looks to use the monthly Gunn Spotlight and the daily Gunn Connections as avenues in getting the information out on the things going on in CTE.*
- *Develop and explore ways to use InClass as a successful tool for communication and learning.*

C2: Improve transitions from middle to high school, between grades in high school, and post high school.

- *Continue to promote collaboration and articulation between teachers at the middle school and high school level.*
- *Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year; CTE hopes that new courses such as Digital Electronics and Animation will reach out to younger students such as 9th and 10th graders. .*
- *All CTE courses are designed to prepare students for the possibility of future employment in that field.*

C3: Maintain a sense of community and connections for students, teachers and parents as Gunn grows.

- *CTE classes have long had a reputation of being a community and we look to keep that tradition continuing in the future.*
- *CTE classes plan to continue their many field trips where they real life examples of what they're learning in the classroom.*

C4: Improve delivery of counseling and college/career services

- *Work with counselors to ensure proper placement of new and incoming students.*
- *The CTE department wants to work with college/career services to show the opportunities available for students in a post high school world.*

Goal D: Excellence with growth

To maintain academic excellence and a sense of community during a period of growth.

D1: Work with DLM architects and DO to develop a site plan using bond money that will better meet Gunn's needs.

- *Gunn High School's CTE building is currently under construction and will be out of commission during the 2009 calendar year.*
- *The CTE department will work will aspects of the construction to ensure that the finished building will meet our needs.*

D2: As we continue to grow, we will maintain a sense of community and connectedness.

- *(See C3).*

D3: Attract, retain and develop highly qualified staff to main academic excellence and support new and existing programs.

- *Transition planning will be one of the most important areas of CTE. There are teachers who are nearing the age of retirement and it is vital to make sure we hire teachers who*

can develop new programs, but as importantly, continue the excellent programs we already have in place.

- *Continuing the support of all CTE teachers and acknowledging and celebrating their many achievements.*

Goal E: Student performance and assessment

To use data to inform instruction and improve student performance.

E1: Use data more effectively.

- *Participate in training to help teachers analyze data to inform instruction.*

E2: Provide multiple pathways for students to demonstrate content mastery in all subjects and to reflect on their growth and progress as learners.

- *A strength of CTE are the many forms of assessments that are used such as:
-portfolio work
-group projects
-competitions*
- *CTE plans to continue the practice of allowing multiple pathways to demonstrate content knowledge and allow students a chance to show success beyond the standard measurements most commonly used.*