

MURRIETA VALLEY USD CAREER READINESS FOR ALL



*Chart Your
Own Path*



*To The
Future!*





'College for all' has been the call from educators and parents for decades. However, the workforce has evolved and so has the expectation that success requires a college degree. Hence, In 2023, we changed our purpose.

Today we say, "We prepare each student for a post-high school credential." This may include an industry certification from an apprenticeship program or trade school. A college degree from a 4-year or a 2-year is still a great path for many. Additionally, we recognize that all branches of the military offer great opportunities and career pathways to further an individual's education while in the Armed Services. Each of these options is of equal value. We commit to showing students options to see which path suits their interests, skills, abilities and future needs!

PROFILE OF A GRADUATE (POG)

MVUSD's Profile of a Graduate, which the board adopted in the Spring of 2023, is a culmination of extensive input from educational and community partners. It represents what we already know - success in a career and life depends on much more than academics, and students must develop many non-academic skills and habits of mind to be successful in life beyond high school, regardless of the path they choose.

The Profile is made up of four competencies:

- **Academically Ready**
- **Life Ready**
- **Workplace Ready**
- **Civic Minded**

The Profile of a Graduate clarifies our vision for success in education. The profile serves as our North Star, a guiding document to measure how we are doing and which way we should go to successfully prepare students for life.



PREPARING ALL STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE

Career Readiness begins in the elementary grades with career awareness. Students in grades TK-5 learn about the different types of jobs in our neighborhoods and people who perform them. Career learning then continues in middle school with exploration. This is where students take a deep dive into their own interests and hobbies. They begin to match up their interests with future careers. From middle school, students then transition to career preparation in high school. This is where students both prepare and plan for life after high school. Depending on the path, students may work with an apprenticeship program or trade school to prepare an application and schedule training. Others prepare for community college or a university with an entrance exam, application, and financial aid support. Still other students prepare for entrance into the military with a recruiter and take the ASVAB test. Preparation and planning begin in high school. Career Training begins technical skill development and is a head-start in the career. Just like a student who takes a dual-enrollment college class while in high school, students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway courses are getting their career training early.

Parents are Fundamental!

Parents, you are fundamental in helping your child chart their own path! Preparing students for life after their TK-12 journey is a partnership where we provide a structure and understanding of options, and you share your path, your experiences, and your background which can help navigate your child's future. Let's partner to help students chart their success!



K - 12 CONTINUUM OF CAREER EXPLORATION



Career Awareness

Elementary School

At the elementary level, all students in grades TK-5 will begin the journey into their future through career awareness. It begins with guided lessons helping students develop their interests in careers, knowledge of personal strengths and abilities for jobs in our community.

School counselors begin building students' understanding of what a career is through focused lessons and activities that expose students to various professions while also piquing their curiosity to explore why people work, what people do for work and the skills to perform career tasks. Career awareness activities may include college and career dress up days or spirit weeks, career focused projects, field trips, and classroom career guest speakers.



Career Exploration

Middle School

In middle school, all students in grades 6-8 advance from career awareness to career exploration. This is an in-depth understanding of careers across different environments, disciplines, and skill sets. School counselors guide students to take self-inventories to identify their career interests, to perform in-depth research on potential workplace paths for career readiness, to understand course selection in high school related to choosing a career technical education pathway (CTE), and how to academically plan for high school rigor. Career exploration activities may include career assessments, college and career fairs, field trips, high school kick-off assemblies highlighting CTE pathways and academic planning.



Career Preparation

High School

In high school, all students in grades 9-12 embark on career planning and preparation. This is a crucial stage in the journey towards charting their own path. In high school, students undergo rigorous course selection and preparations towards post-secondary opportunities.

As ninth graders, students complete a robust aptitude test and draft their ten-year plan. Once they begin their 10th grade year, school counselors guide students through yearly aptitude tests, career skill-set research and self-inventory lessons. Students work closely with their counselor to build a comprehensive academic plan that aligns with their chosen path, be it in Career and Technical Education (CTE), college credit courses, or other career pursuits such as the military or trade school.



Career Training

6-12 CTE Pathways

Career and Technical Education Training (CTE) is a hallmark of Murrieta Valley USD success. Each of our high schools offer exciting opportunities with relevant academic rigor and industry experiences to pursue specific careers. Our district offers twelve different career pathways. Each pathway is a sequence of courses aligned to the industry standards which prepares students for high wage, high skill, and high demand careers in their chosen path. Students can earn industry certifications granting them real-world experience and equipping them with valuable skills to qualify for their future careers following high school. In 2023, over 1,200 students earned career certificates, credentials or college credits.



Murrieta Valley USD values our community and recognizes the important role industry experts play in shaping opportunities for our high school graduates. There are two ways industry experts, business leaders and community members can be a part of preparing students for their paths. The first is the CTE Steering Committee. Steering committee members are typically local industry experts representing the healthcare industry, manufacturing sector, financial services field, retail and hospitality, and public service sectors. They are also parents, high school students and educators. The second way, is to become a member of the Superintendent's Advisory. This advisory supports the CTE Committee and is also comprised of parents, business leaders, community leaders and industry experts.

Community Support

MVUSD CTE PATHWAYS

CTE is an educational model that combines high school and post-secondary academics with hands-on learning to prepare students for their career of choice and multiple options after high school, including university, trade school, the military, or the workforce. MVUSD CTE pathways consist of a three-course sequence which culminates in a robust capstone course. Currently, MVUSD offers pathways in the following industry sectors:



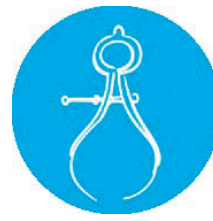
Arts, Media,
and Entertainment



Building and
Construction Trades



Education -
Child Development
Family Services



Engineering
and Design



Health Science
Medical Technology



Hospitality, Tourism
and Recreation



Information and
Communication
Technology



Marketing Sales
and Service



Public Services



Transportation Industry



MVUSD High Schools: ▲ MCA ■ MMHS ● MVHS ◆ VMHS

MVUSD regularly reviews pathways to enhance current offerings and consider new opportunities for students.

Currently, we are exploring the feasibility of offering pathways in the areas of *Welding and Fabrication, Biomedical Sciences, Plant and Soil Science, Aviation and Drones*. The local economy, student interest, career demand and stability, industry insight and technological advancements help drive pathway creation.

For more information on current pathways or to learn how you can support future pathway creation, please visit the district's website or sign-up to attend an advisory meeting. Contact information is listed below.



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