

Linked Learning

FACT SHEET

What is Linked Learning?

Linked Learning provides technical courses integrated with rigorous academics, and combines career-based learning and real-world experiences to make daily learning relevant. Geared for high school students, career oriented pathways such as health care, law and social justice and manufacturing expose students to possible college and career opportunities while addressing employer needs. For students, it answers the question, “Why do I need to learn this?” Linked Learning enhances options for ALL students and fulfills the district’s mission to prepare career ready graduates. The district works closely with local employers on Linked Learning programs to develop a highly skilled workforce.

Four Principles of Linked Learning

- **Rigorous academics** that prepare students for success in college as well as apprenticeships and other post-secondary programs and employment
- **Demanding technical courses** through a cluster of classes emphasizing practical application
- **Work-based learning** in real-world workplaces, job shadowing, apprenticeships, internships and professional and technical skill-building opportunities
- **Personalized student support** services including counseling and supplemental instruction in reading, writing and math to help students master rigorous academic, professional, and technical skills

What are the Differences between Linked Learning and Career Technology Education (CTE)?

Linked Learning is an integrated approach, with cohort scheduling of academic and technical courses in support of industry and state standards. Collectively, teachers’ lessons reinforce both components throughout the pathway rather than focusing on just a single CTE course.

At-a-Glance

2017/18 High School Linked Learning Pathways

- **Bullard:** Business, Marketing and Technology; Biomedicine; Law and Social Justice
- **Duncan:** Rehabilitation Therapy; Nursing Services; Automotive; Construction; Manufacturing; Welding and Fabrication
- **Edison:** Biomedicine; Engineering Design and Development
- **Hoover:** Public Service; Eco-Technology; Media, Design and Production
- **McLane:** Educational Careers; Banking; Business; Medical Education and Research
- **Patino:** Entrepreneurship and Technology
- **Roosevelt:** Careers in Education; Health
- **Sunnyside:** Agriscience and Technology; Multimedia and Marketing; Health and Human Services

Other Programs

The district continues to offer CTE electives, ROP programs and California Partnership Academies

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