

*I am excited to see what the future holds for my son. These are great opportunities.*  
~ Parent

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How do I apply?** Students must complete the application on the Career Center website and attend an informational session in the spring to be considered for enrollment. Applicants will receive the dates and times for informational sessions via email.

**Who can attend?** Students on both the Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma and TOPS University Diploma Pathways can attend.

**When do students attend?** Students attend either the first session for periods 1-3 or our second session for periods 6-8 of their school day.

**Is transportation provided?** Yes, the Lafayette Parish School System provides transportation back and forth from home-base high schools for each session.

**Do the classes count towards graduation?** Yes, students earn three Carnegie Units in each of the courses. Students work with their home-base school counselor to ensure they stay on track for graduation.

**Which courses offer dual enrollment with SLCC?** Culinary, certified nurse assistant and medical assistant courses offer dual enrollment with SLCC. Students can earn dual credit with either UL or SLCC for the pre-educator course.

**How much does it cost?** The Career Center is a public school. Students do not pay tuition. Some classes have fees. Check the school website for more information.

**Where is the Career Center?** The Career Center is located at 200 18th Street adjacent to Paul Breaux Middle School.

**How can I learn more?** Go to the school website for more information about each program including prerequisites and what students will learn. Families can also schedule a tour or contact the school for more information.

**Can students continue to participate on athletic teams and in clubs at their home-base school?** Yes!



*2024-2025  
connecting and empowering students for careers*

*The W.D. & Mary Baker Smith Career Center is an extension of high schools in the Lafayette Parish School System. Students attend the Career Center for a three-period block of the school day to gain knowledge and skills to earn industry credentials for a good first job.*



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# COURSES OFFERED

Start on a career path that with dedication and hard work will lead to more work opportunities, advanced training, and higher wages.

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Course	IBC	Requirements/Other	Student Opportunities Upon Completion
<b>NEW</b> Pre-Educator	Louisiana Pre-Educator Basic Louisiana Pre-Educator Advanced	11th & 12th graders	The Pre-Educator Course is for students who intend to pursue a career in the field of education. The ultimate mission of this pathway is to cultivate highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers.
<b>Auto Paint &amp; Body I</b> <b>Auto Paint &amp; Body II</b>	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certifications (1 for Basic, 3 for Advanced)	11th & 12th graders	Technicians start around \$12/hour with the opportunity to make over \$30/hour with hard work and experience.
<b>Auto Tech I</b> <b>Auto Tech II</b>	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certifications (1 for Basic, 3 for Advanced)	11th & 12th graders	Auto Technicians earn between \$9-13/hour to start with the opportunity to increase earnings with experience and by earning manufacturer certifications.
<b>Carpentry</b>	CITF Level 1 (Basic) CITF Level 2 (Advanced)	11th & 12th graders	Carpenter helpers typically start around \$15/hour with the opportunity to increase to \$40/hour. Carpenters can make over \$100K/year as business owners. This trade is always in demand.
<b>Cosmetology I</b> <b>Cosmetology II</b>	Business of Retail 300 hours of Cosmetology	11th & 12th graders SSN, Birth certificate	Students will attend cosmetology school to complete 1500 hours and exams required by the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology. Cosmetologists earn about \$13/hour with potential to increase to the level of business owner.
<b>CULINARY</b> <b>ProStart I</b> <b>ProStart II</b> <b>ProStart III</b>	SLCC Technical Diploma (Advanced) National ProStart Certificate of Achievement (ServSafe & COA required for Basic)	10th graders working towards SLCC Technical Diploma 11th & 12th graders	Cooks start at \$9-\$13/hour and/or continue education to earn an associate's degree. This field offers many paths for growth all the way to business ownership.
<b>Electrical</b>	Electrical Training Alliance 1-3 or 4 or 5 (Basic), 1-5 (Advanced)	11th & 12th graders	Electricians start around \$16.50/hour with the opportunity to make over \$35/hour with hard work and experience.
<b>HVAC</b>	EPA Section 608 Certification (Basic) EPA Section 608 AND Air Conditioning OR Heat Employment Ready (Advanced)	11th & 12th graders	HVAC Mechanics earn about \$12-16/hour to start with the opportunity to increase earnings with experience.
<b>Machining/Computer Integrated Manufacturing</b>	NIMS Machining Level I (Basic) NIMS Machining Level 2 (Advanced)	11th & 12th graders Ideal for students interested in entry-level machinist positions and aspiring engineers	CNC Machinists start around \$15-20/hour with the opportunity to make over \$30/hour with hard work and experience. CAD Programmers start around \$25/hour with the opportunity to make over \$50.
<b>MEDICAL</b> <b>Certified Nursing Assistant</b>	Certified Nursing Assistant (Basic)	11th & 12th graders, 16 by Oct. 1, C in algebra and biology preferred, SSN, state background check, state ID card, physical exam with TB Skin Test EMR required for seniors and graduating juniors on Career Diploma Path	CNAs earn about \$12/hour at hospitals, doctor's offices, clinics, or nursing homes providing hands-on assistance to serve patients' basic needs, as well as work alongside other healthcare professionals and/or pursue a post-secondary education in the medical profession.
<b>Medical Assistant</b>	Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (Advanced)	12th graders Same as CNA requirements, more challenging curriculum than CNA, C in algebra & biology preferred EMR required for seniors and graduating juniors on Career Diploma Path	MAs start around \$16/hour at hospitals, physician's offices, clinics, laboratories, nursing homes and/or insurance companies. MAs perform clinical and administrative duties and directly assist physicians. Students may also pursue post-secondary education in the medical profession.
<b>Emergency Medical Technician</b>	EMT Basic (Advanced)	11th & 12th graders, 17 by April 1, 2025 2.0 GPA	EMTs earn about \$13/hour with emergency medical service and/or pursue a post-secondary education in the medical profession. EMTs who become paramedics can earn \$30/hour.
<b>Welding I</b> <b>Welding II</b>	CITF Level I (Basic) CITF Level 2 (Advanced)	11th & 12th graders, CITF Core required	Welder helpers \$15+/hour Experienced welders \$30+/hour

## TO APPLY:

1. Complete the application on the school website:
2. Share your interest with your school counselor.

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