



## **“Dressing for Success” during Career Discovery & Exploratory**

Career Technical Education(CTE) Program Attire, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and more...

In order for students to be successful and safe, grade 9 students are expected to come prepared during the exploratory program. Safety in the CTE programs is critical. **We follow OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards** in all CTE programs. Your child will be learning new skills that may put them in hazardous situations. As a result, each CTE Program has specific safety guidelines and requirements that are essential to keep them and others safe.

During the Career Discovery and Exploratory Programs, students should come to school prepared and ready to work. Please note the following:

### **CLOTHING:**

- ❖ The following are **NOT PERMITTED** in the CTE Programs:
  - No open toed/heeled shoes (i.e.: sandals, flip flops, etc.).
  - No loose, baggy clothing as it can create a safety hazard working around moving parts. In many programs, it is preferred that students wear long pants and shirts with sleeves. Reminder: Students are always expected to follow the school dress code (see: Student Handbook).
  - No stretch pants made of lycra as they are flammable and not appropriate for a CTE program setting.
  - No hoodies in the CTE Programs. The hood and strings pose a danger.
  - No earbuds or headphones.
- ❖ Recommended clothing:
  - While work boots are recommended and preferred for Construction, Animal Science, Plant Science, and Auto based programs, they are not required during the Exploratory Program. If worn, work boots should be a skid resistant, leather shoe.
  - Jeans with no tears, khakis, Dickies, or work pants.
  - Fitted clothing to avoid being caught in machinery.

### **SAFETY GLASSES:**

Essex Technical High School will provide each Grade 9 student with one (1) pair of safety glasses during their first Career Discovery session. Students are responsible to care for and bring these glasses to each Career Discovery and Exploratory Session. NOTE: prescription glasses generally do not meet ANSI impact standards (Z87 rated lenses) and safety glasses will be required to be worn over prescription glasses. Replacement safety glasses are available for purchase in the Freshman Academy Office for \$3.00.

### **SUN/INSECT REPELLANT:**

Students participating in outdoor CTE programs are encouraged to apply **unscented** sun and/or insect repellent as needed.

### **FOOD:**

Food is **NOT** permitted in the CTE programs. This is consistent with many industry and occupational mandates and regulations, including but not limited to OSHA. Please notify us of any medical concern related to this area.

*NOTE: While student Career Discovery & Exploratory schedules are developed and distributed during the first trimester of the school year, unforeseen circumstances occasionally arise necessitating a change to a student's Career Discovery or Exploratory schedule. It is recommended students dress and plan accordingly. Most especially, students should always have their closed toe shoes or boots and their safety glasses available during ALL CTE days.*