

**Occupational Education
(Vocational Technical Education Philosophy)**

The purpose of vocational education programs in the Phoenix-Talent School District is to provide high school students with the practical skills, attitudes and basic knowledge needed to obtain or enhance employment in a variety of occupations.

The following statements summarize the beliefs of the Board, administration and vocational department in regard to our District vocational technical education offerings.

We believe that:

- Vocational technical programs must be congruent with the Phoenix-Talent School District philosophy;
- Vocational technical education should be an integral part of the total educational program, and the vocational education must rely on general education to provide students with the basic skills needed by all persons in their roles as citizens, parents, entrepreneurs, employees and others in our society. General and vocational education must work hand-in-hand in helping students to develop and apply decision-making skills;
- Training students in pre-vocational or vocational skills not only benefits the individual, but also benefits business, industry, labor, government and society in general;
- Vocational technical education programs should be readily accessible to all students who want, need and are able to profit from them. This accessibility includes those students who are economically and/or educationally disadvantaged, disabled or limited English-speaking students. No student will be eliminated from vocational programs due to racial, sexual or stereotypic bias;
- Vocational technical programs should reflect and anticipate the changing attitudes, needs and values of our society and the changing requirements of business and industry, and should keep pace with the interests and needs of Phoenix-Talent students;
- The vocational technical program of the Phoenix-Talent School District should be coordinated with other agencies, business and institutions to ensure a smooth transition from high school to post-high school training and maximize the available resources in Jackson County.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#)

[ORS 332.075](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.092 - 336.183](#)

[ORS 336.505 - 336.525](#)

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