



Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School

Haverhill Update

February 12, 2026

Our vision is to provide the best career technical and academic education in Massachusetts, empowering students to succeed in a safe and supportive environment in order to build a workforce for the region

25-26

Whittier Building Project **Updates**

The Municipal working group held 3 meeting focused on examining the Donahue Study results

- August 27, 2024
- November 4, 2024
- December 2, 2024

Town Managers, Town Administrators and Mayors of the 11 Member Communities of Whittier Tech District formed the Municipal Working group which has met 15 times. This group has had many collaborative discussion and has been instrumental in moving this project forward

August 7, 2024
December 16, 2024
December 17, 2024
January 27, 2025
February 25, 2025

March 21, 2025
April 9, 2025
May 6, 2025
July 9, 2025

August 13, 2025
September 10, 2025
August 29, 2025
October 8, 2025
November 12, 2025

For more information on the Whittier project, visit our website





Whittier Building Project Updates

Whittier Tech Building Options - Feasibility Study

- Relocate to the NECC campus
- New building located at the existing Whittier Tech site
- Renovations at the existing Whittier Tech site
- Renovations with an addition at the existing Whittier Tech site



Whittier Building Project **Updates**

The School Building Committee was formed and has held two meetings

- November 19, 2025
- December 8, 2025
- January 15, 2026 - Building Tour

The Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) was formed and has held three meetings

- December 17, 2025
- January 7, 2026
- February 4, 2026
- Additional meetings are scheduled for:
 - March 4, 2026 and April 1, 2026



Summary of Key Timeframes

Eligibility Period (Module 1)

- MSBA Invite Letter into Eligibility- December 13, 2024
- Up to ~270 days before entering Feasibility. massschoolbuildings.org

Feasibility Study Term (per FSA)

- Invited in for April 28, 2026
- Up to **931 days (~2.5 years)** to complete Feasibility and Schematic Design deliverables and obtain Board approvals. massschoolbuildings.org

Actual Feasibility Work

- Typically **~9–18+ months** (varies by district and project complexity).



**MSBA Invite Letter
into Eligibility
December 13, 2024**

“Upon completion of the preliminary requirements of the Eligibility Period and invitation to Feasibility Study, the District will be required to resolve any potential amendments to the Vocational Regional School District Agreement regarding any issues including, but not limited to, the level of participation from each member community and each member’s apportionment of capital costs prior to the MSBA Board approving a recommendation for Preferred Schematic Design.”



Capital Costs

Funding of an initial feasibility study

- Total feasibility cost: \$2.5 million

Wastewater Treatment Plant Study

- Completed summer of 2026
- \$550,000 anticipated repair cost



Whittier Grants - Entitlement/Competitive - 5 years

2021-2022
\$2,535,240

2022-2023
\$3,268,079

2023-2024
\$2,904,530

2024-2025
\$3,279,538

2025-2026
\$2,059,508

Career Technical Initiative
Title 1
Title IIA
Title IV
IDEA
ARP IDEA
ARP Homeless
COVID 19 Summer
Reimbursement
CVTE equitable Access
CVTE Partnership Planning
CVTE Student Support
Early College -Targeted
ESSER II
ESSER III
Financial Literacy and Planning
MyCAP - Development &
Implementation
P-EBT
Perkins
SOA-EBP
Project Bread
PLTW
Shannon
Skills Capital - Marine Service
Technology
Summer Acceleration Academy

Anonymous Equipment
Donation
Career Technical Initiative
Title 1
Title IIA
Title IV
IDEA
Perkins
Early College
ESSER III
CVTE - Equitable Access
CVTE Partnership Planning
Perkins Summer
Financial Literacy Planning &
Implementation
Skills Capital - Automotive
and Health Assisting
Life Science Professional
Development
Shannon

Anonymous Equipment
Donation
Career Technical Initiative
Career & Technical
Partnership Grant
Title 1
Title IIA
Title IV
IDEA
Early College
ESSER III
Special Education Program
Improvement
Math Acceleration
Perkins
Perkins Equipment Program
Improvement
Mass Hire NAMC
Propane Ed and Research
Shannon
Supporting Students' Social
Emotional Learning (SEL),
Behavioral & Mental Health,
and Wellness

Career Technical Initiative
Title 1
Title IIA
Title IV
IDEA
Perkins
Early College
Early College - Summer
Skills Capital- Culinary
Equipment
Skills Capital - Welding
Equipment and Lab
Modernization

FY25 \$697,638
Grants Applied and
Pending DESE approval

Title II A
IDEA
Title I
Title IV
Perkins
CTE
Perkins Equipment
Early College
My CAP
Skills Capital Lab
Modernization
Financial Literacy
Shannon
CTI-9
ESOL

Career Technical Areas

- Advanced Manufacturing
 - Auto Body Collision & Repair
 - Automotive Technology
 - Business Technology
 - CAD Drafting
 - Carpentry
 - Cosmetology
 - Culinary Arts
 - Dental Assisting
 - Electrical
 - Electronics/Robotics Technology
 - Engineering Technology
 - Health Assisting
 - HVAC-R
 - Hospitality Management
 - Marine Service Technology
 - Marketing
 - Masonry
 - Medical Assisting
 - Metal Fabrication / Welding
 - Plumbing & Heating
- ❖ Construction Craft Laborers closed at the conclusion of the 24-25 school year
 - ❖ Early Education and Care will close at the conclusion of the 25-26 school year
 - ❖ Design and Visual Communication will close at the conclusion of the 26-27 school year



Early College Designation



Northern Essex Community College

- Received Early College Designation through the state in 2021
- Moved our program on-campus this year
- We provide bus transportation
- 213 students enrolled for 25-26



Courses Available

Fall:

Comp101 and Comp102

Spring Electives:

Intro to Sociology, Intro to Business, Intro to Criminal Justice, Intro to Liberal Arts, Interpersonal Communications, Intro to Mass Communication, Public Speaking, and Medical Terminology



Students are thriving and demonstrating their dedication, time management, work ethics, and overall perseverance as they navigate the rigor and expectations that college academic has to offer.



Whittier Tech Athletics

FALL

Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Girls Volleyball



SPRING

Baseball
Lacrosse
Softball
Track and Field
Boys Volleyball



WINTER

Basketball
Cheerleading
Ice Hockey
Wrestling



CLUBS/ACTIVITIES



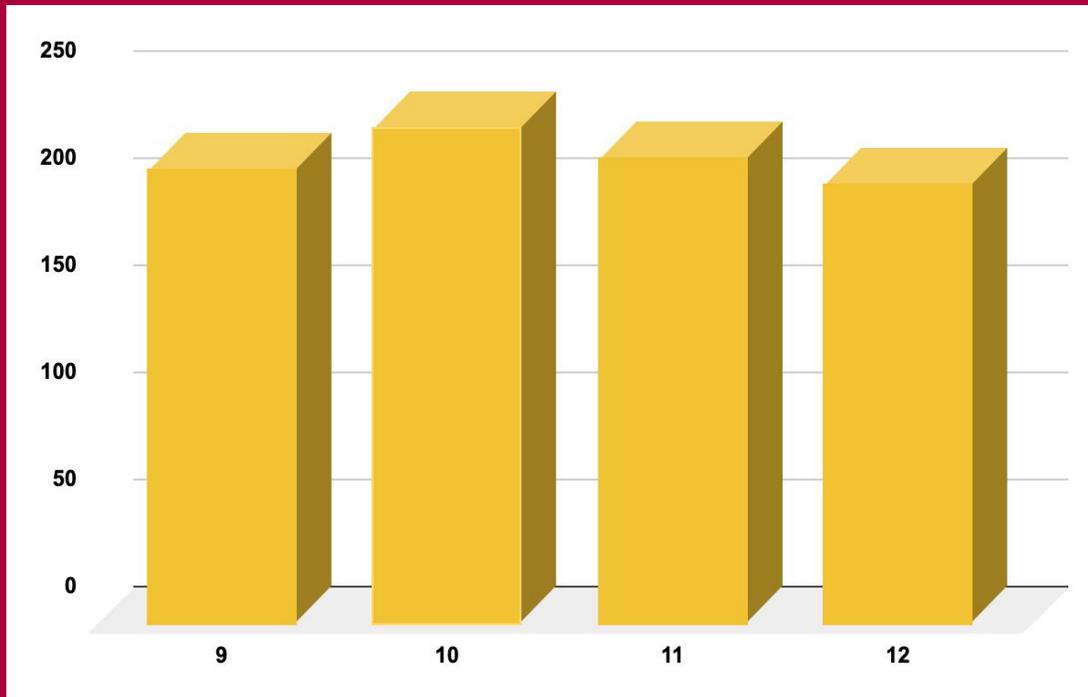
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Environmental Club
- First Robotics
- Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)
- Game Club
- Interact Club
- Journalism Club
- Key Club
- Model UN
- Multicultural Club
- National Vocational Technical Honor Society
- Peer to Peer
- Ski Club
- SkillsUSA
- Student Government

Bus Transportation is available for after school activities, games, practices and extra help sessions (Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays). If you are looking for a club that we don't have, we can create it!

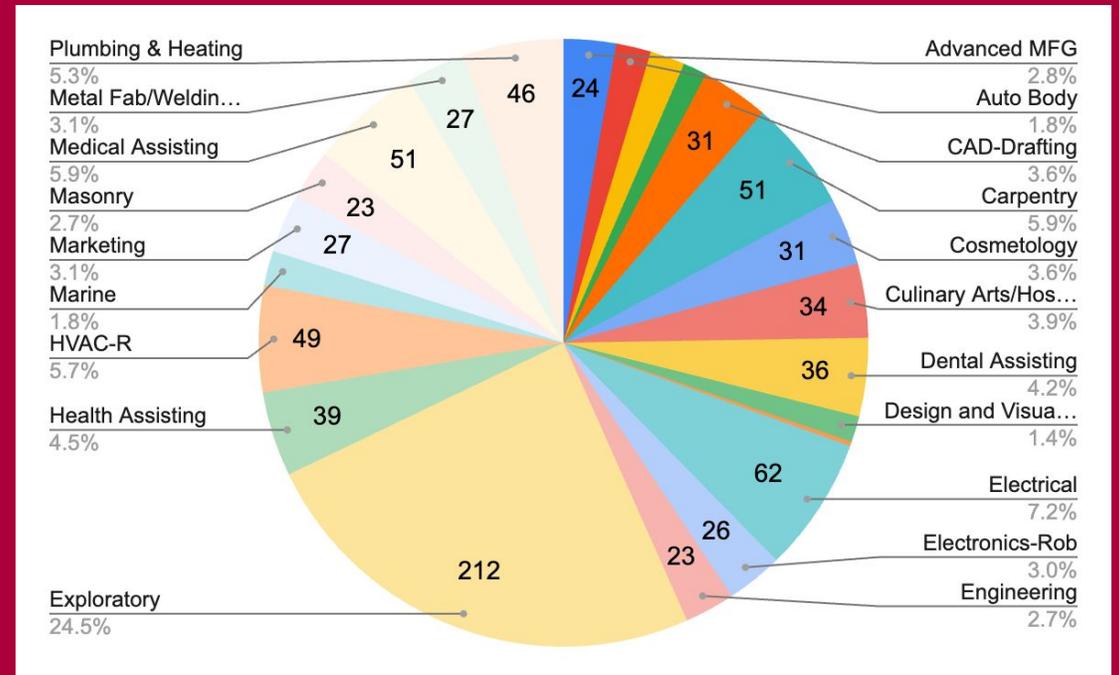


Whittier Student Enrollment - Haverhill

Whittier has 865 students enrolled that reside in Haverhill



Haverhill Enrollment by CTE Area



Haverhill Co-Op Employers and Placement



Co-Op Employers in Haverhill

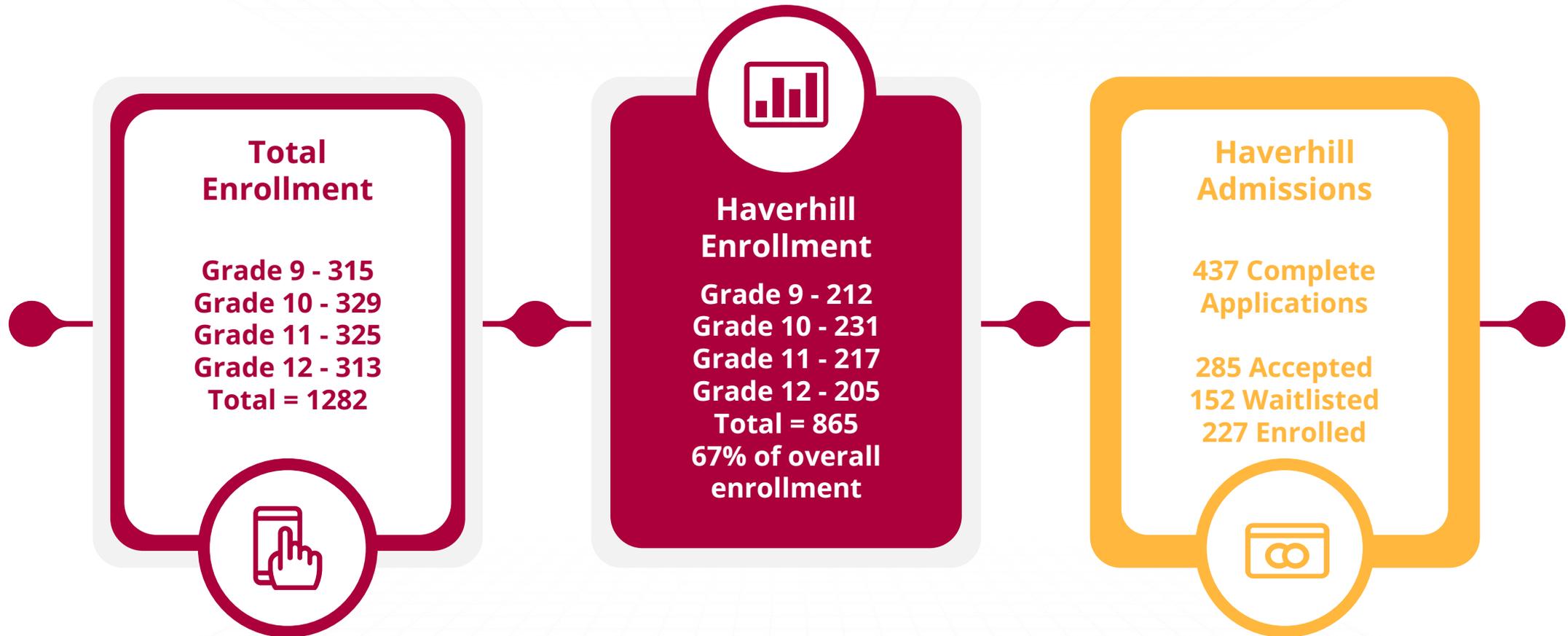
- Haverhill Public School
- Haverhill Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics
- Flynn Fence
- Care Dental Associates
- Bosa Restaurant
- North Mechanical
- Baker Katz
- Rogers Spring Hill Farm and Gardens
- Magellan Aerospace
- Dale Rogers Studio
- Dunkin
- Triad Associates
- Associates in Dental Health
- Whittier Tech
- Haverhill Bank
- Basic Beginnings
- Go Tax Accounting & Services
- Print Pro Silk Screen
- Climate Zone
- Adom Engineering
- Smith Mercedes
- Ross Company
- Seacoast Electric LLC
- Penacook
- Pistone Foot Center
- City of Haverhill
- Whittier Rehab Hospital
- Cardarelli Orthodontics
- Smithers & Ko
- Basic Beginnings
- Labonte Electric
- The Portland Group

Co-Op Placement

- 68% of seniors are on Co-Op
- 15% of juniors are in Co-Op
 - Juniors just became eligible for Co-Op



Enrollment/Admissions Information 2025-2026



Whittier Tech Admissions Update

The Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted new regulations this fall requiring vocational-technical schools with a waiting list to use a lottery-based admissions process. Whittier Tech is required to comply with these new rules beginning with mid-year freshman transfers.

The Whittier Tech School Committee voted to use an unweighted lottery. This means every student with a completed, on-time application will have one equal chance of being selected.

Apportion seats based on the 10-year enrollment average for each community. This figure will be reevaluated and updated each year.

For a class of 2030 340 freshmen, seats would be assigned as follows:

Haverhill

231 seats or 68%

Amesbury

27 seats or 8%

Georgetown

14 seats or 4%

Salisbury

14 seats or 4%

Groveland

10 seats or 3%

Ipswich

10 seats or 3%

Merrimac

10 seats or 3%

Newbury

7 seats or 2%

Newburyport

7 seats or 2%

Rowley

7 seats or 2%

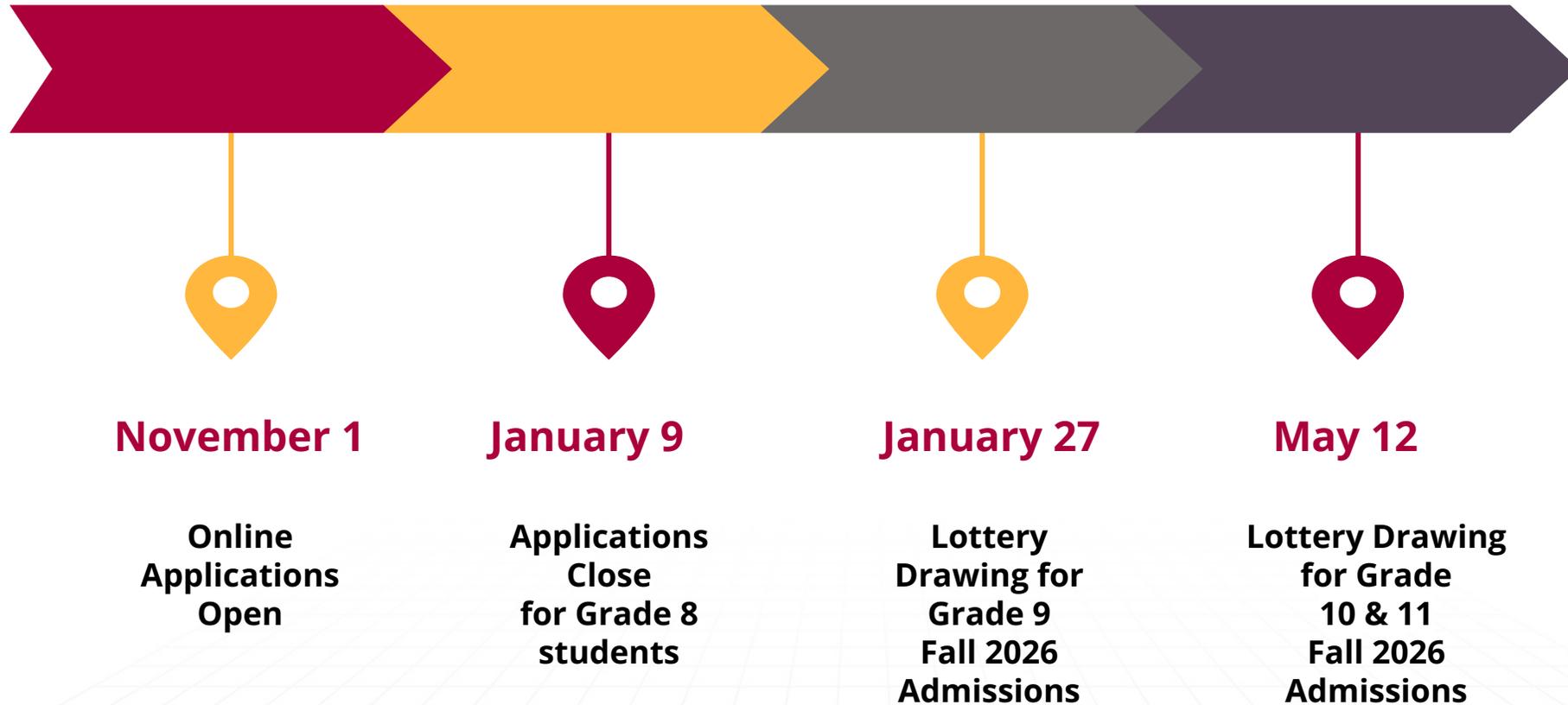
West Newbury

3 seats or 1%

For more information, visit the Admissions page on the Whittier website



Application and Lottery Timeline for **Fall Admissions**

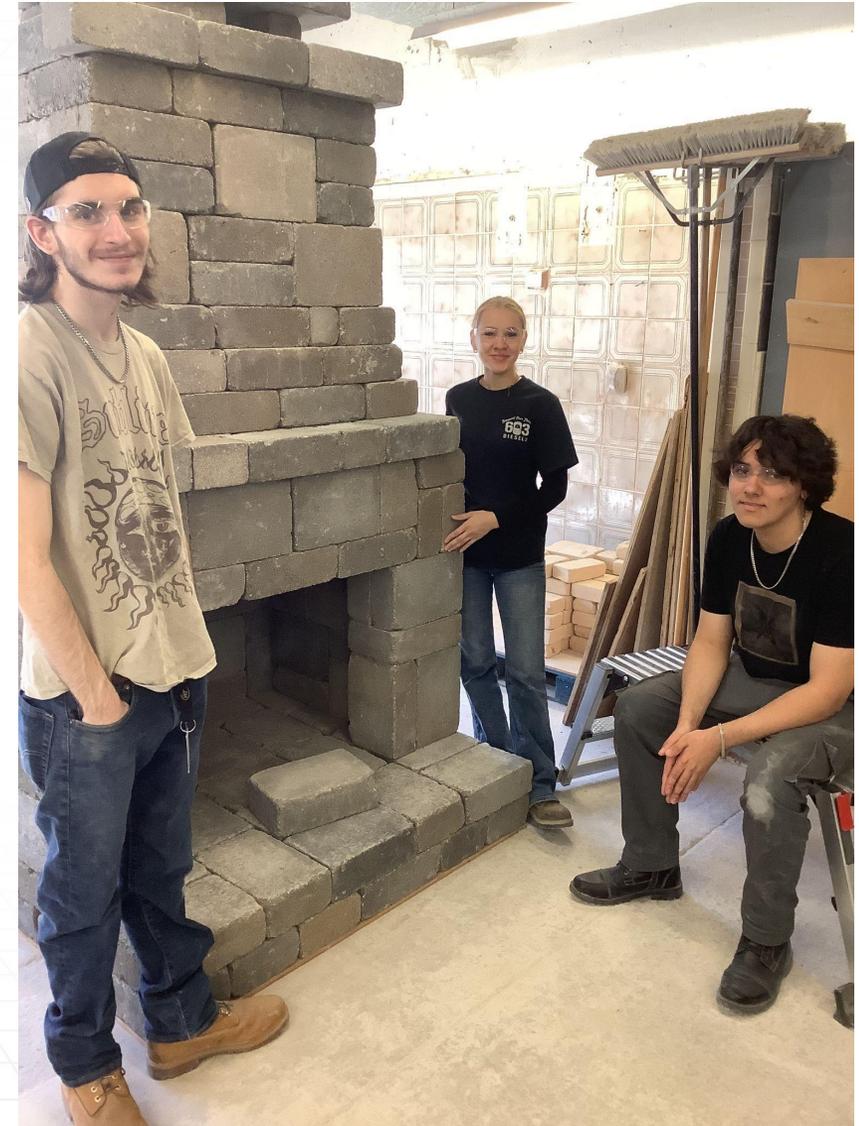


CVTE Exploratory Program for Community Seniors

For the 5th year, Whittier will offer the CVTE Exploratory Program for Community Seniors

- Each community high school is offered 3 seats. Unused seats are offered to other schools to fill
- 8-week exploratory program during the students senior year
 - Students spend 1 week in a high demand CTE area
 - Students may take the Whittier bus in the morning. Afternoon transportation is not provided
 - Students attend daily from 8 AM to 11 AM. Students return to their community high school to complete their school day
 - Program runs March 23, 2026 - May 22, 2026

The CVTE program provides career exploration with a pathway to continued training after graduation through the CTI Summer grant funded program or Adult Education courses.



Adult Education Updates



141 Students	Tier I-V Electrical (average class size: 24)	132 Students	Tier I-V Plumbing (average class size: 26)
10 Students	ESOL Welding Training Program, begins January 2026	10 Students:	Cosmetology Program, begins January 2026
100+ Students	Fall Personal Enrichment Courses	100+ Students	Spring Personal Enrichment courses
Brochure	Mailed to 75,000 homes before registration each August		

Visit the Whittier Adult Education website to view course offerings





Career Technical Initiative (CTI) Updates



Enrollment

89 students completed CTI training during the 2025 summer program



Improved Enrollment

Interviews were conducted to help ensure students were committed



Employment Success:

60 students reported being employed full time in their training area



CTI Round 10 Grant:

Awarded \$931,000 for the Summer of 2026, enrolment is underway

Haverhill Community Service



- Whittier's Carpentry program completed new signs for Haverhill's Rocks Village Fire Station and two handicap-accessible raised garden beds for Haverhill Brightside
- Whittier SkillsUSA have collaborated with the Carpentry program to create Little Libraries to install in all 11 of our communities

