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The **RSTA** Experience

2019 - 2020

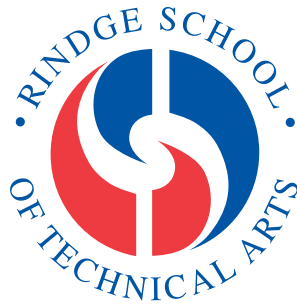
INFORMATION FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN



BE SURE TO ATTEND THE **RSTA** Tech Expo

JANUARY 24th, 2019
 5PM CRLS Main Cafeteria

CRLS PRINCIPAL & GUIDANCE STAFF WILL PROVIDE
 INFO FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



What is RSTA?

The **Rindge School of Technical Arts (RSTA)** is the Career & Technical Education department of Cambridge Rindge & Latin School. With state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained teachers, **RSTA** courses are open to all CRLS students.

These courses are designed to help prepare them for post-secondary education and future employment in one of twelve of the fastest growing career areas in the world today.

Our students take all core academic classes needed for high school graduation, including honors and AP courses. In fact, because of their intensive and challenging content, some **RSTA** courses are offered at honors level!

What courses are offered through RSTA?

RSTA offers these twelve different 3-year CTE programs of study starting in the 10th grade and several one-semester electives. Below are **RSTA programs:**

Automotive Technology	Engineering/Robotics	Computer Science/Programming
Biotechnology	Early Education & Care	Print & Production
Carpentry	Banking	Health Assisting
Creative Design		Information Technology
Culinary Arts/Hospitality	Business Management	Media Technology (TV/Video)

What courses in RSTA are offered to 9th graders?

Freshman may now enroll in our Exploratory course OR they may choose to register for one of our introductory level courses listed below:

Exploratory	Biotechnology 1
Freshman Culinary Arts	Child Study & Health Careers
Fresh Design	Computer Science Principles
Freshman Film	
Fast Track Engineering	Media Journalism & Technology

Technical Arts Exploratory: 9th graders who are interested in exploring **RSTA** should enroll in this course. In this first semester course, **open only to 9th graders**, students rotate through five **RSTA** programs and participate in a series of workshops to learn about all **RSTA** “majors”. Students will also learn about the kinds of future careers they may be best suited for and discover the type of skills needed in various fields.

Is Exploratory necessary for a 9th grader in order to take a RSTA course as a 10th grader?

No. It is encouraged to consider enrolling in a RSTA course at any time as a CRLS student. Some programs even have an accelerated course that compresses learning into a shorter time frame to allow students to catch up to classmates who have already started as majors in the program.

Classes at **RSTA** are different than most of the academic classes you will be taking in high school. Here are some of the things that make RSTA classes different:

- Virtually every **RSTA** Class offers an active style of learning. If you like being actively involved in the learning process, doing hands-on activities as opposed to sitting and listening to a lecture, then **RSTA** could be for you.
- Every one of the **RSTA** majors prepares you for jobs in areas where there is a need for knowledgeable and skilled people. You will learn skills in the field of your choice for which employers are willing to hire you. It is never too late to start planning your future!
- You also learn what are called “Employability Skills,” ways of working that are sought after by employers and companies who are hiring – whether for a summer job or for more long-term career employment.
- When you remain in a 3-year program, you really get to know both your classmates in that program and your teachers, who help you along the way to become truly competent in the field of study, and who help you prepare for postsecondary education or a career after high school.
- **RSTA** teachers educate, not just train...we focus not only on the acquisition of knowledge, but also on your understanding – and application – of what you are learning.

Can taking a RSTA program affect potential college enrollment/acceptance?

Over the last 10 years, the college acceptance rate for seniors who also major in a RSTA program has been higher than the college acceptance rate of ALL seniors at CRLS. RSTA majors typically know what they want and how to prepare to get it. They can take as many College Prep, Honors, or Advanced Placement courses in academic subjects as they'd like.

If you are interested in a CTE Program not offered at RSTA, Cambridge has an agreement with high school Career & Technical Education programs in three other districts: Boston, Somerville, and Medford.

These districts allow Cambridge students to take CTE courses with them at no cost. These schools offer the following:

Automotive Collision	Electrical	Marketing/Retail
Construction Technology	Facilities Management	Metal Fabrication
Cosmetology	HVAC/Refrigeration	Painting & Decorating
Dental Assisting	Machine Technology	Plumbing

Students wishing to major in one of these programs would enroll in the high school that offers it. Any Cambridge student wishing to major in one of these programs or any other Career & Technical Education program – should call (617-349-6766) or email Dr. Ananis, the Executive Director of RSTA (mananis@cpsd.us), for more information on how to apply.

The application deadline is April 1 each year for any program not offered at Rindge.



For more information:

Stop by the RSTA Office at any time; the RSTA Office is located in room 1312, first floor of the main (Rindge) building of CRLS.

Or go to <http://rsta.cpsd.us> or call the RSTA Office (617)349-RSTA (7782)