CAREER READINESS

JOB PLACEMENT
Erie 1 BOCES Work-Based Learning teachers provide assistance in preparing students with necessary job-seeking and job-keeping skills and help to assist students in meeting their career goals. Work-Based Learning teachers serve as liaisons between employers and Career and Technical Education students to ensure the right internship and/or job placement.

WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES
A supervised work experience related to instruction in a student’s CTE program is offered to enhance classroom skills, knowledge and career readiness. Internships facilitate the transition from school to work and help to develop career competency, initiative, ability to work with others, and appropriate attitudes and behaviors. This proves advantageous for students, schools, employers, and the community as they work together to meet workplace needs.

CAREER PORTFOLIOS
The Career Portfolio is a purposeful collection of student work that demonstrates students’ personal growth and achievement within their CTE experience. Students complete their program with a comprehensive professional career portfolio to use in their future endeavors. The portfolio requirement is a result of input from industry representatives who value this tool as a way to demonstrate communication and other work-related skills.

EMPLOYABILITY PROFILES
The Employability Profile provides a record of students’ performance in program specific CTE skills and competencies needed for entry-level employment. It also includes a record of the student’s performance in career related skills and provides a potential employer with a snapshot of the student’s skills and competencies upon completion of his/her career and technical education program. Each profile is annually approved by the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council to reflect the most current industry standards.

ADVANCED STUDIES: POST-SECONDARY DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Advanced Studies courses are an opportunity for high school students to enroll in college course work and receive college credit. Qualified students are able to earn college credit at a reduced cost or no cost while still in high school. Erie 1 BOCES offers Advanced Studies options in the following:

**Buffalo State College (Reduced Tuition)**
- Fashion Design Technology

**Erie Community College (Reduced Tuition)**
- Early Childhood Education
- Sports Science Careers
- Web Technologies and Game Programming

**Genesee Community College (Reduced Tuition)**
- Fashion Design and Merchandising

**Niagara County Community College**
- Welding