



## FAQ's about P-TECH Program at Schalmont Central Schools

P-TECH is a program that begins in the freshman year of high school. It is not open to students in other grades because of the custom curriculum. Capital Region P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) is a four- to six-year program (grades 9-14) that will engage students to help them be successful in careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The P-TECH Program was recently discussed at a Schalmont Board of Education Meeting. Here are some of the FAQ's that came from that discussion.

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### **Q. Will students in the P-TECH Program graduate with their Schalmont class?**

A. Students who attend P-TECH and achieve graduation status can walk the stage with a graduating class. Since the program allows for the attainment of both a HS Diploma and an Associate's Degree, it is longer than the typical 4 year High School education. Therefore, students will not graduate with their peers, or original cohort, that enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the same time.

### **Q. Will students be allowed to participate in sports, clubs, and other extra-curricular events?**

A. Yes. However, this depends upon the student's academic standing and availability at the time the activity is held. First priority within the P-TECH program is to attend courses. While transportation is provided to and from both campuses, the timing may not coincide with the activities. In which case a student may not be able to participate fully in that activity. Students who enter the P-TECH program are required to sign a form ensuring eligibility and adherence to deadline dates for the program.

### **Q. Can a student still participate in Homecoming, Dances and other school events?**

A. Yes, the P-TECH program does not prohibit a student from attending school events. However, it should be noted that there may be conflicts with programs and timing for the P-TECH program and participation will depend upon the student's academic standing and availability at the time the activity is held.

### **Q. Will students be included in the Schalmont Yearbook?**

A. Yes, students in P-TECH will have a section in the yearbook. The year that the student has completed the requirements for the P-TECH program will be the year in which they are included in the P-TECH yearbook page.

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The P-Tech Program gives students a new way to meet educational goals. This partnership with higher education and business is designed to fuel workforce development for local employers. The program partners include 24 Capital Region school districts, two area community colleges (HVCC and SCCC) and six regional businesses. Students who successfully complete the P-TECH program will have priority opportunities for jobs with businesses and will also have access to training in employability skills and coaching from partners.

For more information you can contact the Schalmont School Counseling Department

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