Construction includes the building of new structures as well as additions and modifications to existing ones. The construction industry also includes maintenance, repair and improvements on these structures.

Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters install and repair pipes that carry water, steam, air, or other liquids or gases to and in businesses, homes, and factories. They work in factories, homes, businesses, and wherever else there are pipes or septic systems. Workers must often lift heavy materials, climb ladders, and work in tight spaces. Some plumbers travel to a variety of work sites every day.

Most plumbers learn on the job through an apprenticeship. Some start out by attending a technical school. Most states and localities require plumbers to have a license.

**High School Pathway Classes**

1. **Industry Fundamentals & OCC Safety** is designed as the foundational course in the Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Masonry, Machining, Welding, Sheet Metal, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, and HVACR Electrical pathways to prepare students for pursuit of any career in construction. Students obtain the basic knowledge to function safely on or around a construction site and in the industry in general and will provide the trainee with the option for an Industry Certification in the Construction Core.

2. **Introduction to Construction** introduces students to four construction craft areas and is also the second step towards gaining a Level One Industry Certification in one of the craft areas. The goal of this course is to introduce students to the history and traditions of the carpentry, masonry, plumbing, and electrical craft trades. Students will explore how the various crafts have influenced and been influenced by history. The student will also learn and apply knowledge of the care and safe use of hand and power tools as related to each trade. In addition, students will be introduced to and develop skills to differentiate between blueprints related to each individual craft area.

3. **Plumbing I** provides students with a solid foundation in plumbing and is the third step in gaining a Level 1 Industry Certification in Plumbing. This course provides basic skills and knowledge needed to apply Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) safety concepts and practices. The student is introduced to the basic knowledge and application of plumbing codes, as well as the handling, estimating, and storing of materials used in the plumbing trade.

**Potential Careers**

- General Contractor
- Plumber
- Project Inspector
- Subcontractor
- Construction Engineer
- Construction Manager
- Construction Foreman
- Materials Manager
- Pipelayers
- Safety Director
- Field Supervisor
- Sales & Marketing
- Superintendent
- Equipment Manager
- Estimator
- Pipe Fitter
- Steamfitters

**Capstone: WBL Internship**

WBL (Work-Based Learning) connects skilled, knowledgeable and driven students to local businesses every year. Students who participate in the Architecture & Construction program and have been selected to participate in WBL will leave school early to work with our fantastic business partners. Benefits to students include a chance to put skills learned in the classroom to use in an authentic setting, getting a competitive advantage on their career and networking with industry leading professionals all while still in high school. [www.hallcowbl.org](http://www.hallcowbl.org)

**Career Tech Student Organizations**

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. We help each student excel.

SkillsUSA’s mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. We improve the quality of our nation’s future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. Our vision is to produce the most highly skilled workforce in the world, providing every member the opportunity for career success.
PLUMBING
CAREER PATHWAY - PLAN OF STUDY

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS
4 Units Must Include:
9th Grade Literature & American Literature

SOCIAL STUDIES
3 Units Must Include:
World History, US History, Government & Economics

MATHEMATICS
4 Units Must Include:
GSE Algebra I, GSE Geometry & GSE Algebra II
+ one additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

OR
GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Analytic Geometry A,
GSE Accelerated Geometry B/Algebra II, GSE Precalculus
+ one additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

SCIENCE
4 Units Must Include:
Physical Science or Physics; Biology;
Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or AP/IB course
+ one additional Science course

HEALTH & PERSONAL FITNESS
1 Unit Must Include:
1/2 unit of each

CAREER, TECHNICAL & AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (CTAE)
3 Units Must include:
Industry Fundamentals & Occ. Safety, Introduction to Construction, Plumbing 1

ELECTIVES
4 Units

*Students planning to attend most post-secondary institutions must take 2 units of the same modern language.

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED
23 Units

PERSONAL APTITUDES

ACTIVITIES THAT DESCRIBE WHAT I LIKE TO DO:
• Read & follow blueprints and/or instructions.
• Picture in my mind what a finished product looks like.
• Work with my hands.
• Perform work that requires precise results.
• Solve technical problems.
• Visit & learn from historic or interesting buildings.

PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT DESCRIBE ME:
• Curious
• Good at following directions
• Pay attention to detail
• Good at visualizing possibilities
• Patient
• Persistent

WHAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL MATTERS
You’re learning skills and knowledge that can make you a qualified candidate for in-demand careers. Industry-recognized certifications, available to all pathway students, are great signals to employers that you have the skills they’re looking for. Certifications help validate what you know, so other people know, that you know it.

WHAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL MATTERS

Questions?
Contact your CTAE teacher, WBL Coordinator or School Counselor

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON YOU?
YouScience is the science of YOU – how your mind is wired, what makes you tick, the skills and knowledge that set you apart. You have talent and there’s a path that’s right for you – we can help you find it.

Login to Infinite Campus and locate the SLDS Portal link on the left. Once logged in, click on “My Career Plan” then choose “Go to YouScience”.

PATHWAY TO FUTURE CAREER OPTIONS

HIGH SCHOOL
Pathway Courses
Industry Fundamentals & Occ. Safety
Introduction to Construction
Plumbing 1

Capstone
WBL Internship
Dual Enrollment

POST-SECONDARY
Technical College
Certificate
Diplomas Program
Degree Program

4 Year College/University
Bachelor Degree
Masters Degree
Graduate Studies