

Occupational Education**Career Education**

The Wallingford Board of Education believes that:

1. It is vital for every individual to have the opportunity to pursue a career that gives him or her a sense of achievement and pride.
2. Educational programs should link the world of work to the individual's need to select and be trained for meaningful employment.
3. The above-cited aspects of the educational process are developmental for all individuals and are a responsibility which must be shared by the schools, the home, and the business and industrial community.

Therefore, the Board supports the concept of career education, believing that students at all grade levels must be helped to develop self-awareness and become cognizant of their aptitudes, abilities, interests, and needs. To this end, growth experiences will be implemented within the curriculum in all subject matter areas. In addition, students will be helped to practice and develop direction-setting and decision-making skills which will be useful throughout their lives when they consider career goals.

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