

WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Warren Tech Class of 2022,

I hope this communication finds you safe and well. In response to the toll the COVID-19 pandemic has taken on students, New Jersey has passed legislation that will allow students from the class of 2022 to pursue a bridge year, immediately following their senior year of high school. This opportunity provides students with an additional year to address learning loss and missed opportunities in extracurricular activities and spring athletics (baseball and softball at Warren Tech).

Students who participate in this program defer graduation from high school to pursue a bridge year. These students will remain enrolled at Warren Tech and will also take courses at Warren County Community College. Students who participate in this program will be allowed to participate in Warren Tech sponsored clubs, activities, events, and sports (spring sports only).

Overview of the Bridge Year Program

During the fall semester of the bridge year, students take 9-12 credits at the Warren Tech, the county college that serves the host high school (Warren County Community College), or a combination thereof. In the Spring semester of the bridge year, students take 9-12 credits at Warren County Community College. Students who play a spring sport will enroll in less than 12 credits during the spring semester.

Any student who intends to pursue a bridge year shall notify me at tierneyj@wctech.org of your intent to do so by February 15, 2022. Students participating in the bridge year are permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony with their class, but they will not receive a diploma until the conclusion of the bridge year. In order to maintain eligibility in the bridge year program, students need to maintain a GPA of 2.0. If a student does not continue with bridge year in spring, the host school will release final transcripts. Finally, to be eligible for the bridge year program, a student may not turn 20 years of age at any time during the bridge year.

Additional Bridge Year Information

Students will be charged a maximum of \$145.00 per credit from Warren County Community College with additional lab fees of \$45.00 if applicable. Students may take 3 credits at a four-year institution to fulfill the credit requirement. Student are eligible for financial aid grants under Community College Opportunity Grant Program.

Please feel free to reach out to me at (908) 835-2850 or at tierneyj@wctech.org for more information on the bridge year program.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tierney