



Dear Parent or Guardian,

It is the start of a new year at Franklin County Career and Technical Center and I wanted to begin the year by sending a letter that includes very important information. The class your student has enrolled in is a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) class that is nationally certified!

Your child will be eligible to receive college credit for this class, as well as, any other PLTW classes they take in Franklin County (see attached sheet for details).

What is Project Lead the Way (PLTW)?

A parent's work is never done, but Project Lead The Way can help make it easier and more rewarding.

The PLTW middle and high school STEM education programs provide the inspiration for a new generation of innovators, the practical skills and hands-on experience to make students' knowledge count in the real world, and the basis for the next generation of leadership in the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

PLTW develops motivated, well-rounded students by instilling confidence, stressing the importance of self-discovery, encouraging innovative problem solving and critical thinking, teaching team building, and rewarding creativity.

Your student will develop skills essential for achievement in the classroom and success in college and at work.

Not to mention:

- PLTW students achieve significantly higher scores in reading, mathematics, and science.
- PLTW graduates earn higher GPAs as college freshmen.
- PLTW graduates are 5 to 10 times more likely to study engineering and technology.

For more information about PLTW, please visit their website at: <http://www.pltw.org> . There is a special section on the website just for parents and students. Also check out <http://www.pltwky.org> .

Who am I?

My name is Mark Harrell and this is my 6th year in Franklin County. This is my 10th year teaching since graduating from Purdue University in 2002. My major was Technology Education and earned a Bachelor's degree in Science. I have also earned my Master's Degree in Career and Technical Education Administration from ECU. I am very excited about this year at the Career and Technical Center and look forward to meeting you sometime during the school year.

This class is not a requirement for graduation from either WHHS or FCHS. Therefore your student is choosing to take this class and is expected to respect all lab equipment and others at all times. If your student does not follow this rule expulsion from the class may result.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS:

Your student will be expected to behave and conduct themselves as adults. Lab equipment and machines can be dangerous. Disregard of the instructor's lab rules and general classroom rules may result in the student being removed from the class. Horseplay and childish behavior will not be tolerated! The parent or guardian will be notified immediately if a problem occurs.

LAB SAFETY:

Safety in the lab classroom must be practiced at all times. Several written safety tests will be given to the student before any lab equipment or machine will be used. Your student must receive a 100% on the test to use that particular machine. All written assignments and tests must be successfully completed prior to the student to start project work.

Materials:

Required:

1. 1" three ring binder
2. Composition Notebook
3. Pencils (mechanic or wood)
4. Plastic Eraser (Staedtler brand)
5. 8 tabbed dividers
6. USB 2.0 Flash Drive (at least 2GB)

By working together we will ensure your students success. I look forward to a great year. If at any time during the school year you have questions, please call me 695-6790 or email me at: mark.harrell@franklin.kyschools.us . Please sign the form on the next page and have your student return it to me ASAP. Your student will not be able to use any equipment in the lab, including the computers, until I have received the form signed by a parent or guardian.

Thanks,



Mark Harrell

Have your student return this to me.

I have read and understood all the information in this packet and give permission for my student to use the lab equipment and machines. I have also purchased everything my student needs to be successful:

Class Period: _____

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name (Printed): _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Convenient phone # during school hours: _____

Parent Email Address #1 : _____

Parent Email Address #2 (if more than one) : _____