

Upgrades at Career Ctr.

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COVENTRY — Students from Coventry High School are thriving in the Regional career and technical center with programs of study including automotive and marine technology, carpentry and construction, computer video and game design, cosmetology, nail technician, culinary arts and food service, health careers, graphic arts and early childhood education to name most programs.

“There are 384 students in the program; 41 of those are from out of district,” said Lori Ferguson, director of the Regional Career and Technical Center. “We do draw from the area.”

The areas that students come from include Coventry, Scituate, Foster Gloucester, West Warwick, Warwick and East Greenwich.

Ferguson explained that some of the program’s improvements are in automotive with a computerized diagnostic center, six new computers, two rotary lifts and an air compressor; and carpentry with two safety saws, an enclosed trailer, lumber and various supplies.

In the computer and game design programs, there are 20 new PCs, wireless access points, game controllers and kinect sensors.

In cosmetology there are additional hair stations, pedicure and manicure station, six computers and various small appliances among other items.

In the early childhood education area, there are new student desks, child tables, child centers, computers, smart boards and assorted instructional supplies.

The health careers area, meanwhile, has a simulated hospital lab, a patient lift and new computers among other items.

One of the students in the early child education program said the program has been invaluable to her thus far.

“We are definitely one of the best career centers in the state,” Ferguson offered.

One student knew she always wanted to teach children, said she loves being in the early childhood program.

“I transferred from another school to be able to take part in the program and I’m so glad I did,” she said.