The mission of the School of Exploration and Discovery at Queens Vocational and Technical High School is to prepare students for the transition into their selected Career and Technical Education community through standards-based academic and technical program.

Through ethical and professional leadership, our united community of students, faculty, staff, parents, community-based organization, and partnerships collaboratively move us in the direction of success and pride, with life lessons and character development as an integral part of the learning experience. Committed to the nurturing and education of the individual student, we develop confident, productive, responsible, and self-reliant young adults in a safe and supportive learning environment.

MISSION


Success is the only option!
The School of Exploration & Discovery
@ Queens Vocational & Technical High School
The High School

Conveniently located in Long Island City, QVTHS is a Career and Technical Education high school comprised of four Smaller Learning Communities. These small schools foster personal growth, academic excellence and specialized career skills.

Small Learning Communities

QVTHS is divided into four schools, each with its own theme and focus. The programs are:

- **School of Exploration & Discovery** (for all 9th grade students)
- **School of Entrepreneurial Studies** (business, cosmetology and graphic arts)
- **School of Skilled Building Trades** (plumbing and electrical installation)
- **School of Computer & Electronic Engineering Technology** (A+ computer repair, robotics, fiber optics)

Q68 M – EXPLORATORY PROGRAM

This program is for 1st time ninth graders who know that they want a program that combines academic knowledge with career skills development. We divide the Career and Technology Education component into 4 parts. During the course of the school year, the student will take 3 twelve week segments of a combination of the following introductory classes: Business, Plumbing Design, Electrical Installation and Electronics Applications. At the end of the school year, the student can choose from ANY CTE program we offer, and will follow that course of study for the 10th, 11th, & 12th grades. This is an Ed. Opt. program. That means that out of a possible 200 students who are accepted, we choose 100 students.

Q68 N – COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY & REPAIR

The student majoring in Computer Technology learns about each component of a computer system, how to troubleshoot, prevent and fix problems. They do not learn about programming, but focus on the physical and digital aspects of technology. During the course of the 4 year program, the student will have the opportunity to choose between computer technology and electronics/robotics.

This is a screened program. That means that we choose all students based upon 7th grade attendance, test scores and class grades. We look for students with an 80 average or higher and have achieved level 3 or 4 on their state Reading and Math Exams.

Q68 O – COSMETOLOGY & SALON MANAGEMENT

Students who follow this program’s four-year track work towards the written and practical segments of New York State license examination in Cosmetology. Students learn the basics of hair and skin care, braiding, curling, disorders of the skin and nails as well as the theories behind these practices. This is a screened program. That means that we choose all students based upon 7th grade attendance, test scores and class grades. We look for students with an 80 average or higher.

No matter what program you choose, you can be certain that your academic needs will be met. To all of our Level 3 and 4 students we offer Honors Living Environment, Math A and English classes that focus on creative expression of responses to literature. If you have taken accredited Accelerated Classes, these credits will count towards your graduation from high school. To our Level 1 and 2, 155 and ELL students, we offer classes that will improve your skills in a supportive, encouraging fashion.

QUESTIONS?

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