



## **FIRST-YEAR BENCHMARKS CARPENTRY STUDENTS**

The mission of the Mercer County Career Center is to equip students with marketable skills through effective Career and Technical Education. This mission as it relates to the Carpentry program means preparing students with the necessary skills and knowledge to complete the Pennsylvania Builder's Association (PBA), Ladder Safety Training, and the Industrial Fork Truck certifications.

Upon completing the third marking period, all first-year students attending Mercer County Career Center will be evaluated using Benchmarks. Benchmarks are an indicator of future success in the field and for further training. Students in Carpentry are required to meet benchmarks to enhance their chances of completing the PBA, Ladder Safety, and Fork Truck certifications. Students who are unable to meet benchmarks will be referred to the Guidance Counselor or to the Special Education Support team if they receive special education services. These staff will facilitate students in the design of a career path better suited to meet their needs. Career Center staff, in collaboration with the student, and their families will help to develop a modified program option, a change in course at the Career Center, or a full schedule at the student's home school that does not include technical education.

- Follow all attendance guidelines as written in the Student Code of Conduct.
- Obtain a final letter grade no lower than a 65% for the semester most recently completed.
- Complete the OSHA-10 Hour Construction Industry Course.
- All hand and power tool job sheets must be completed with an 80% or higher, as evaluated on the teacher-made rubric, by the end of the third-marking period.
- When erecting scaffolds and ladders, score an 80% or higher, when evaluated with a teacher-made rubric.
- Score an 80% or higher when using the SoftPlan software for house design, as evaluated on the teacher-made rubric.
- Complete all unit tests with an 80% or higher during the third marking period.
- Maintain no less than twenty-four points for STRIVE, during a regular five-day week, after the first semester.