



FIRST-YEAR BENCHMARKS COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION 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 Computer Information Technology program means preparing students with the necessary skills and knowledge to complete TestOut PC Pro Certification.

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 Computer Information Technology are required to meet benchmarks to enhance their chances of completing the TestOut PC Pro Certification. 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 5-Hour Career Safe: Start Safe. Stay Safe. Workplace Training Course.
- Given the proper components, students will build a desktop computer and install the Windows Operating System to full system functionality.
- Score a 90% or higher on all hands-on tasks for the current marking period. Lab grades of this quality are indicative of readiness for the TestOut Certification.
- By the third marking period, score 80% or higher on the documentation portion/criterion of the Hands-On Task Rubric.
- Complete all unit tests with a 70% 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.