



STEEL CENTER
FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

PROGRAM LETTER

Cybersecurity and Networking Technology: CIP 11.0901

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Dear Steel Center Family:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! My name is Kurt Blanock, and I am the Cybersecurity and Networking Technology teacher at Steel Center. I have over 12 years' experience as a Networking instructor teaching a wide range of industry relevant IT subjects. Prior to that I have a diverse background in the IT field including over 15 years' experience in the following areas: network design, installation and management, network security, help desk management, project management, programming, database management, and business application development.

Course Description: Steel Center's Cybersecurity and Networking Technology program emphasizes both theory and hands-on training for our students. This program provides students the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge for employment or attendance at a post-secondary school following completion of our three-year program. Students will learn aspects of Networking and Cybersecurity as well as PC computer technology skills. Course topics include Advanced Troubleshooting, Computer Assembly, Mobile Devices, Cybersecurity, and Operating Systems. Additionally, students will develop communication, critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are in-demand in the information technology industry.

Requirements: Students are required to be in uniform daily and promote a business-like atmosphere. The student must wear a black Steel Center Cybersecurity polo shirt and any long pants or jeans with no open-toed shoes. Information on purchasing the Steel Center polo shirts will be given during the first week of school.

I am excited to be a member of the Steel Center team and I'm eager to start the new school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kurt Blanock
Cybersecurity and Networking Technology Teacher