

Hello, Heritage Academy Gateway families!

In our continuing efforts to offer a high-quality academic program to our scholars, Heritage Academy has partnered with the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) to be able to offer select Career Technical Education (CTE) courses at our campus. The purpose of CTE classes is to provide scholars with an academic and training experience that prepares them for a career and/or higher education at the community college or university level. This year we are offering CTE courses in Business Operations, and Early Childhood Education, and we currently have more than 130 scholars enrolled in these courses.

One of the critical components of a successful CTE program is to establish an Advisory Committee.

Advisory committees promote greater cooperation between career and technical education and business / industry.

They're made up primarily of private-sector members who volunteer their time, talent, and knowledge to support and strengthen career and technical education programs.

Advisory committees have three major roles:

- *To advise*
- *To assist*
- *To support and advocate for career and technical education*

An important service that committee members provide is to assist faculty in identifying job specific skills so that instruction will better reflect business / industry and further strengthen career and technical education. (Arizona Department of Education CTE Local Advisory Committee Membership Guide - <http://bit.ly/40grZPa>)

At this time, we are establishing Advisory Committees to support our scholars in our CTE programs and are looking for parent or community volunteers to be involved. We anticipate that each committee will meet two or three times each year, and the time commitment for each meeting will be 1-2 hours.

If you are interested in being part of this important part of our CTE programs, or if you have any questions please contact Mr. Halterman via email at bhalterman@heritageacademyaz.com

Thank you!