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SPOKANE VALLEY TECH
A New Branch Campus

Spokane Valley Tech (SVT) is a new branch campus skills center located in the City of Spokane Valley. Central Valley School District is serving as the host district and is collaborating with East Valley School District, Freeman School District, and West Valley School District, which are the other school districts that make up the consortium.



Spokane Valley Tech was developed to bring students exciting, expanded opportunities for career and college readiness beyond what is available in local high schools or at the Northeast Washington Technical Skills Center (NEWTECH Skills Center), which is located in Spokane.

For the 2013-2014 school year, programs offered at SVT include:

- Advanced Biomedical Applications (Project Lead the Way—Capstone Course/years 3 and 4)*
- Advanced Engineering Applications (Project Lead the Way—Capstone Course/years 3 and 4)*
- Avista Center for Entrepreneurship*
- Cosmetology*
- Fire Science*
- Sports Medicine*

Computer Science and Advanced BioEngineering will be added for the 2014-2015 school year.

Suggested by local advisory committees along with several workforce committees and post-secondary institutions' staff, all programs at Spokane Valley Tech meet current and emerging needs of high school students and regional employers.

All Engineering students have opportunities for after-school internships in local engineering firms. This is one example of the outstanding community and industry support for the school. Another great partnership is with the Avista Corporation and its sponsorship of the Entrepreneurship program. Avista sponsors a network of entrepreneurship programs at community colleges in their service areas. SVT is a part of that network and shares the same college curriculum. Every year two SVT students will be eligible for a \$12,000 micro loan to start their businesses.

Spokane Valley Technical Skills Center began in the fall of 2012 with four programs and 72 students. This year 188 students are enrolled. Two hundred sixty five (265) students are expected for the fall 2014 opening.

SVT is located in a 51,450 square-foot building at the southeast corner of University Road and Sprague Avenue that formerly housed a Rite Aid pharmacy. The site is ideal for its centralized proximity to collaborating school districts and the Valley Transit Center. A grand opening of SVT will

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