



Facilities Plan

2021

“Vantage provides authentic student-focused, career technical training that prepares high school students and adults for employment and further education” clearly states the goals of the programs offered through the Career Center.

Vantage Career Center Facilities Plan

Facilities/Background

The Vantage Career Center The building located at 818 North Franklin Street in Van Wert Ohio, opened in 1976 as “Vantage Joint Vocational School” and changed its name in 1999 to “Vantage Career Center.” The building underwent a comprehensive renovation and expansion project in 2012 increasing the size of the school to 187,000 square feet. The building is LEED gold certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) indicating that the building was designed to improve the environmental quality and maximize stewardship of natural resources

The Vantage Career Center facility offers well-equipped, accessible, and well-maintained classrooms, labs and office spaces to create a positive educational environment.

The facility offers the following learning and support spaces:

- 9 High Bay Labs
- 10 Tech Labs
- 26 Classrooms
- 4 Chemistry/Science Labs
- 1 Media Center
- 1 Commons Area
- 1 Community Room (Lecture and presentation space)
- 4 Office areas (District, High School, Adult Education, and Guidance)
- Parking for 455 vehicles

The building’s custodial and maintenance staff continue to preserve and enhance the facility with regular preventive maintenance. Labs are well-equipped and the facility is ADA compliant.

The Vantage Career Center Maintenance Plan provides detailed information regarding equipment, maintenance and inspections.

Facilities Improvement Plan

One of the five organizational goals for the Vantage Career Center Strategic Plan is as follows:

“Maintain and Upgrade Facilities/Equipment/Technology.”

In order to meet the organizational goals, the Strategic Plan further states “Vantage Career Center will support the achievement of the organizational goals of the District Wide Strategic Plan through the allocation of fiscal resources including but not limited

to, Permanent Improvement Funds, General Funds, State and Federal Grants and Adult Education Funds.”

Each year, Vantage dedicates over \$500,000 from the Permanent Improvement fund to upgrading, replacing and obtaining new technology and equipment to provide up-to-date and workplace standard resources for students.

The process of determining new resources begins at the faculty and staff level:

1. Requests for equipment, technology and or other resources are submitted by faculty and staff to their immediate supervisors
2. Supervisory/Administrative personnel enter requests into a “Budget Request Spreadsheet” shared by all on a Google Drive.
3. Administrative staff convene with the superintendent to determine priorities and availability/sources of funds.
4. A final list is submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

The purchase process begins immediately after board approval to allow delivery to be made for the next academic year.

New Facilities Plan in Process of Development

In April of 2021, the superintendent and administrative staff of Vantage met to begin the process of developing a five year facilities improvement plan. District-wide needs were identified, including requests from local business and industry.

The initial proposal will be discussed with the Board of Education in May of 2021 to determine the direction of the Facilities Improvement Plan