SNAPSHOT OF BOCES SERVICES FOR MARATHON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marathon’s share of the 2019-20 BOCES administrative budget $27,502

Through cooperative purchasing, in 2018-19 Marathon saved an estimated $66,320

Initial BOCES service requests amounted to 14.7% of your current year budget

BOCES aid generated for 2019-20 $808,044

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Career & Technical Education

New York State’s approval process for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs has raised the quality and rigor of courses that prepare students for employment and postsecondary study. Approved programs lead to an industry-recognized credential or certificate at the postsecondary level, or an associate or baccalaureate degree. CTE courses offer students the opportunity to apply academic concepts to real-world situations and prepare them for industry-based assessments of certifications. They have the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced standing while still in high school and take part in work-based learning opportunities where they demonstrate mastery of skills essential in the workplace. In addition, our Technically Endorsed programs, embedded in area businesses, have been recognized by District Administration magazine as one of more than 30 national innovative programs.

In 2019, nearly 440 seniors from OCM BOCES’ component districts were eligible to earn CTE endorsements on their high school diplomas, including Marathon students Zoe Carter, Stephanie Drake, Brittany Emigh, Kasandra Farr, Johnathan Manti, Sierra Ostrander, Sebastian Rafferty, Darien Shepard, Jaime Shotts, Sullivan Whiting, and Theresa Wyak.

Special Education

Number of classrooms in school district buildings that host BOCES Special Education Programs

Did You Know?

Marathon participated in the new Lead Evaluator for Teams, and Superintendent Rebecca Stone served on the advisory committee that planned the new format for this process. The format focused on inter-rater reliability and cohesion across administrative teams in the region.

OCM BOCES = Student Success

The consensus is clear among her instructors, peers, and the teachers she works with at the CAPCO Head Start in Cortland. Marathon senior Jenna Knout has become an outstanding leader through her work in the OCM BOCES Early Childhood Education program.

Inside the classroom, which is embedded inside the Cortland County Community Action Program (CAPCO), Jenna always goes “above and beyond” with her academic projects and consistently demonstrates a spirit of “teamwork, independence, and professionalism,” said her teacher, Heather Tuttle.

“Jenna exuberates a natural talent for working with young children and has been able to build positive relationships with her peers and the classroom staff at CAPCO,” Tuttle said. “She always enters the classroom with a smile on her face and is always willing to take the initiative when needed. She is a positive role model for her peers.”

Outside the classroom, Jenna has also become a leader and role model. Last year, for example, Jenna took first place at the state SkillsUSA competition in Syracuse and later competed at the national competition in St. Louis. This year, she serves as the CAPCO head student officer.

“Jenna is an outstanding student all around,” said her OCM BOCES math teacher, Julie Allen, who is also Jenna’s SkillsUSA advisor. “Her work ethic is excellent, she communicates well, and she is always a team player. Jenna has no problem being a leader and taking on new challenges. Her outgoing personality is one of her strongest qualities, and she uses it to help and benefit others.”

For Jenna, working with children has always been a passion — a passion she hopes to turn into a career. Jenna was recently accepted into Tompkins Cortland Community College, where she plans to major in Early Childhood Education. After college, she hopes to open up her own daycare in Marathon within the next five years.