



Career and Technical Education Department

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District

2026 MILLAGE
FACT SHEET

Char-Em ISD Career Tech Millage Proposal - May 2026

On **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, voters will be asked to consider a proposed Char-Em ISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) vocational millage. The millage was first approved by voters in 1996.

What's on the ballot? "Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes in Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Michigan, for area career and technical education programs be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2026 to 2029, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is approximately \$8,178,239 from local property taxes authorized herein (this is a replacement of millage that expired with the 2025 tax levy)?"



Career and Technical Education

What is it? Who does it serve? How does it help our communities?

Did you know ...

- ✓ The Career and Technical Education (CTE) millage has funded programs and services for 30 years. Because the current millage expired on Dec. 31, 2025, by law the official ballot cannot be worded as a "renewal."
- ✓ Career Tech programs provide students with the employability and technical skills they need to enter the workforce and to be college-ready. Dozens of local employers are involved with Char-Em as Career Tech advisors.
- ✓ Under state law, local school districts cannot ask local voters for funding for Career and Technical Education. It must be done regionally through an Intermediate School District.
- ✓ Your local students and school district rely directly on this millage to fund Career Tech programs. Without this millage, the costs for Career Tech would need to come from within your local school's operating budget.
- ✓ There are 23 programs and 50+ CTE classes throughout the ISD's 11 school districts. Students from any Char-Em school may attend any Career Tech program in any district. *See reverse for current offerings.*
- ✓ Each district within Char-Em ISD offers at least one Career Tech course, with many offering multiple classes!
- ✓ 80% of all high school students in Char-Em ISD take at least one CTE course before they graduate.
- ✓ 80% of the students who take a Career Tech class attend a post-secondary institution, such as a four-year college or technical school.

In Char-Em ISD, Career Tech is K-12!

Awareness | Exploration | Preparation

See reverse side for CTE classes & highlights!

Who is asked to vote in the Career Tech Millage election?

Voters in the following school districts in Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties: Alanson, Beaver Island, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Central Lake, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth, Harbor Springs, Pellston and Petoskey. Each district has at least one CTE course in their high school!

Char-Em ISD: An integral partner in CTE

Char-Em ISD plays a critical role in the planning of regional Career and Technical Education programs and services. The ISD assists with support staff and provides additional funding for school-to-work activities such as job coaching, mentoring, college and university visits, and work-based learning. For students with disabilities, Char-Em provides support for work study and vocational assessment.

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Did you know? Char-Em ISD's Career and Technical Education millage supports career exploration through **23 programs** in **50+ classes** throughout the 11 public school districts in our region.

These CTE programs are supported by the Career and Technical Education millage:

- Agriscience
- Audio Engineering and Video Editing
- Automotive
- Aviation Science and Technology
- Business Admin. and Management
- Construction
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Digital/Multimedia Design
- Drafting and Design Technology
- Energy Fundamentals:
Lineworker Emphasis
- Future Educator Academy
- Graphics and Printing Technology

- Health Occupations
- Horticulture
- Machine Tool Technology
- Marketing, Sales and Service
- PowerSports Technology
- Public Safety
- TV and Film Production and Broadcasting
- Unmanned Vehicles (Drones)
- Welding
- Woodworking and Furniture Making



The millage also supports these K-12 CTE initiatives

- MiCareer Quest!
- 7 Summer Camps for K-12
- Street STEM for K-8
- CTE Exploration Days
- Career Prep Specialists & Job Coaches
- Career Tech to Careers Signing Events
- Annual Student Recognition Banquet
- Career Staircase interactive tool

- Work-Based Learning (Co-op)
- Business & Industry Tours
- College & Trade School Tours
- Paid Summer Young Professionals program for 16- to 20-year olds
- Paid Summer Work Program for students with disabilities

... and much more each school year!

On May 5, 2026, voters in Char-Em ISD districts will be asked to consider the 1.0 mill Career and Technical Education millage to continue funding these programs and many more K-12 CTE initiatives in each local district.