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Dean Technical High School is a dual-track high school that offers both college preparation and career technical education (CTE). There are 14 CTE programs offered at Dean, including Auto Tech, Horticulture, Health Assisting, Graphic Design, Marketing, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, and Welding.

Dean is the first high school in Massachusetts, and the first vocational high school in the country to adopt the New Tech Network model, a project-based learning approach supported by a comprehensive technology platform. Through New Tech, Dean faculty are part of a nationwide network of teachers and students who are demonstrating that students can meet challenging academic standards through hands-on engagement with meaningful, locally relevant questions and problems.

Prior to becoming a GRAD Academy and joining New Tech in 2013, Dean was named a Level 4 Turnaround School, and Project GRAD was named the school's turnaround operator.

About Project GRAD and GRAD Academies

For over two decades, Project GRAD (GRAD) has been a national leader in transforming student achievement and opportunity in schools serving students in low-income communities. In 2008, Project GRAD was named an officially authorized program of the United States Department of Education under the auspices of the Higher Education Opportunity Act. In 2012, GRAD was designated a Transformation Partner by the State of Tennessee Achievement School District and an official restart school operator by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Distinguishing GRAD Academies is our conviction that learners' ideas, cultural backgrounds, and communities are central resources for rigorous learning and achievement. While each GRAD Academy is shaped by the unique features of its community, every GRAD Academy is characterized by:

- Students' authentic engagement in meaningful problems and projects as the context for learning
- A culture of high expectations and high support for both students and adults
- Strong relationships with families and community partners
- Tools, time, and routines for teachers to gather, examine, and respond to student progress data.
- Frequent opportunities for teacher leadership and learning of cutting edge approaches to serving learners.

Location & Contact Information

Dean Technical High School is located at 1045 Main Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

Telephone: (413) 534-2071

Website: deantech.gradacademy.org

Principal: Barry Bacom

Classroom Hours:

8:15 am – 2:42 pm

Enrollment:

410 students