

PROTECH

Boston Private Industry Council

Boston Public Schools

ProTech is a multi-year school-to-career program. The mission of ProTech is to integrate classroom and work-based learning in order to prepare students for challenging and rewarding career opportunities. ProTech evolved from the 1982 Boston Compact, in which the business community agreed to give hiring priority to Boston public school graduates in return for a focus by the system on improving academic performance and reducing the drop-out rate. **ProTech students spend their junior and senior years of high school in structured internships learning and developing the skills that will enable them to compete and be successful in school, work, and life.**

11th Grade: Emphasis on career exploration and work readiness

- Enriched academics and curriculum which integrates school and work
- Tutorial assistance provided as needed
- Paid, part-time jobs for students who meet academic and attendance requirements
- College and Career Fairs
- Eight-week full-time job in the summer following the 11th grade for all eligible students

12th Grade: Emphasis on degree, certification, and employment

- Enriched academics and curriculum which integrate school and work
- Tutorial assistance provided as needed
- Paid, part-time job during the school year with increased responsibilities as outlined by a structured Work-Based Learning Plan
- College application and financial aid application assistance

Post-Secondary Emphasis on degree, certification, and employment

- Advising services for college and career planning
- Continued assistance with applications and financial aid
- Support and advocacy at both college offices and work-sites