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MEERA - Overview



***HELPING THE
NEXT GENERATION***

**SEE THEMSELVES IN A
MANUFACTURING CAREER**



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WHAT IS MEEERA?

WHAT IS MEERA?

- **Turn-key**, competency-based K-12 **manufacturing** education solution
- **Applied** manufacturing labs using **industry relevant** tools and technology; designed for **classroom** implementation
- Catalyst to **super-charge regional** manufacturing workforce development pipelines
- **Customized** solution to direct youth to educational and workplace opportunities in **their community**

MISSION: Present **all** students with the opportunity to **see themselves** in a manufacturing career.

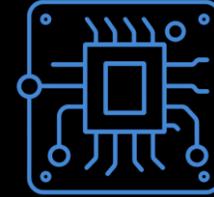
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ADDITIVE MFG



CNC MACHINING



ELECTRONICS



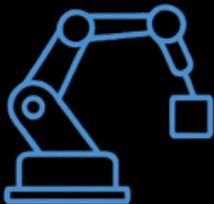
FUTURE OF WORK



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NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING



ROBOTICS



WELDING



WORKPLACE READINESS

**WORKFORCE
ECOSYSTEM
CATALYST**

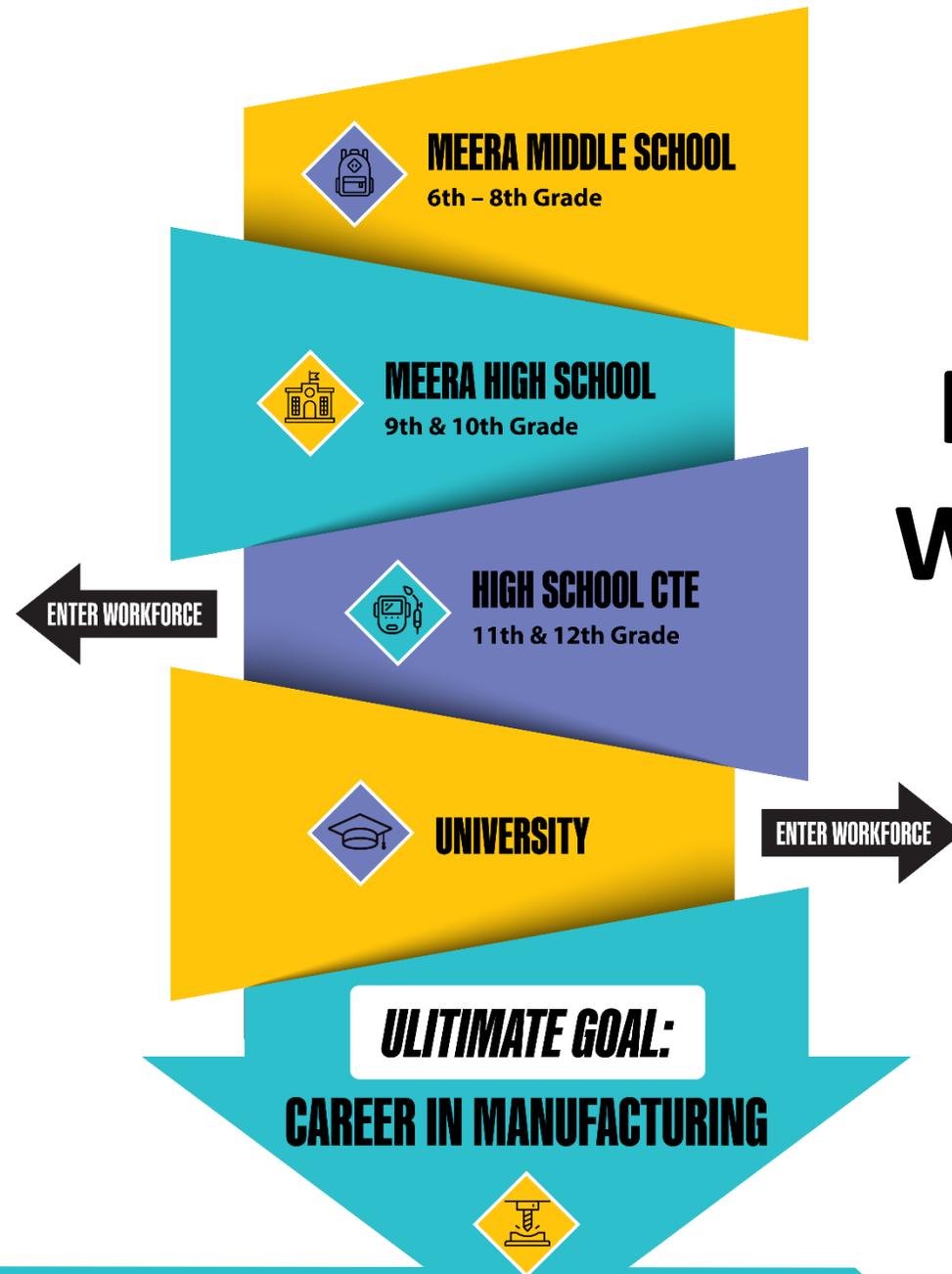
MEERA Middle School (6-8)

Two major objectives:

- Increased interest and awareness
- Increase technical competence to match increasing industry requirements
- Create more informed and prepared students entering high school CTE pathways
- Reinforce core subjects in applied format

MEERA High School (9-10)

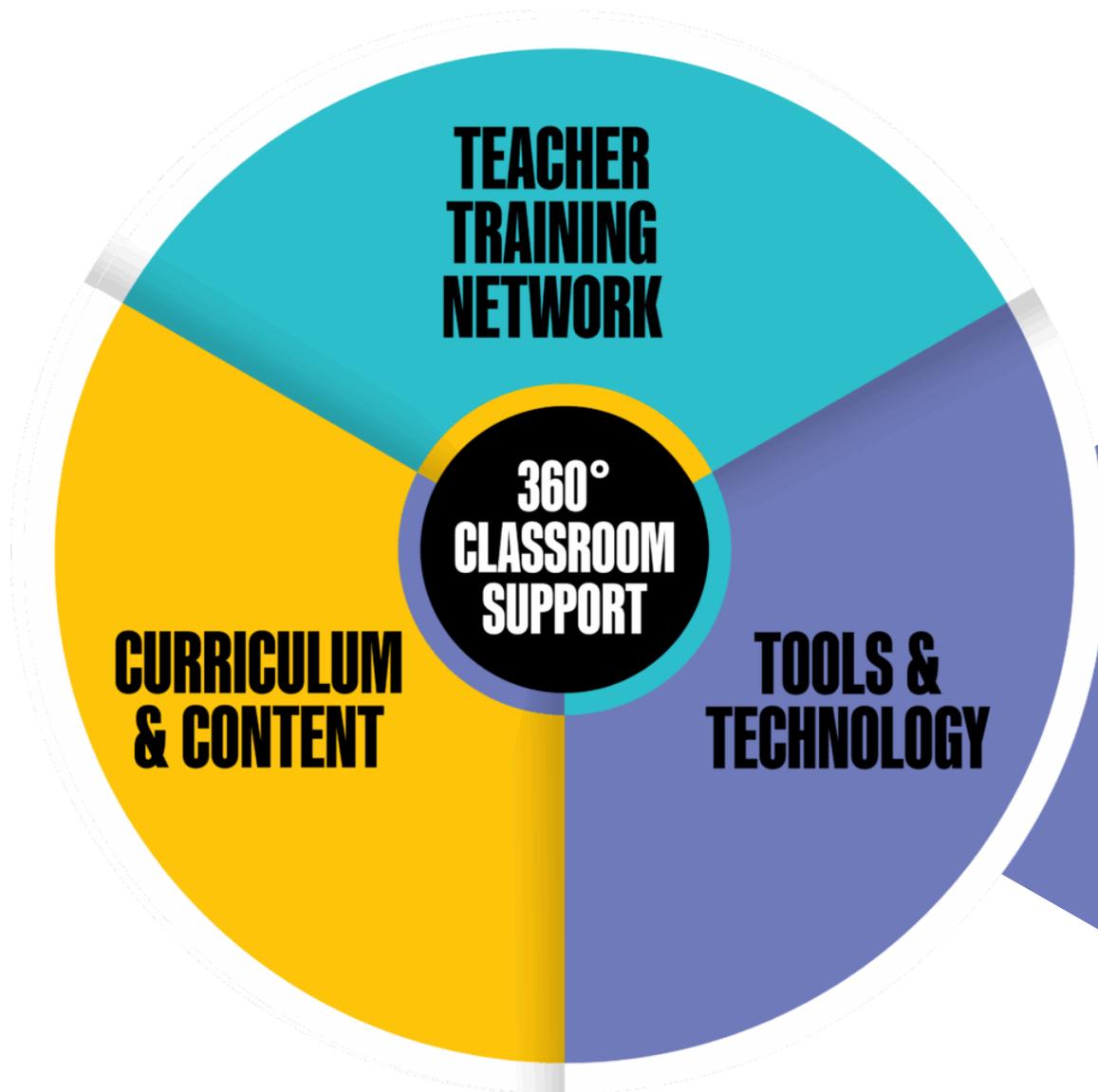
- Continues foundational skills in middle school
- Increased technical content; more advanced equipment sets
- Preparation for high school career and tech center/ dual enrollment programming



Regional Workforce Catalyst

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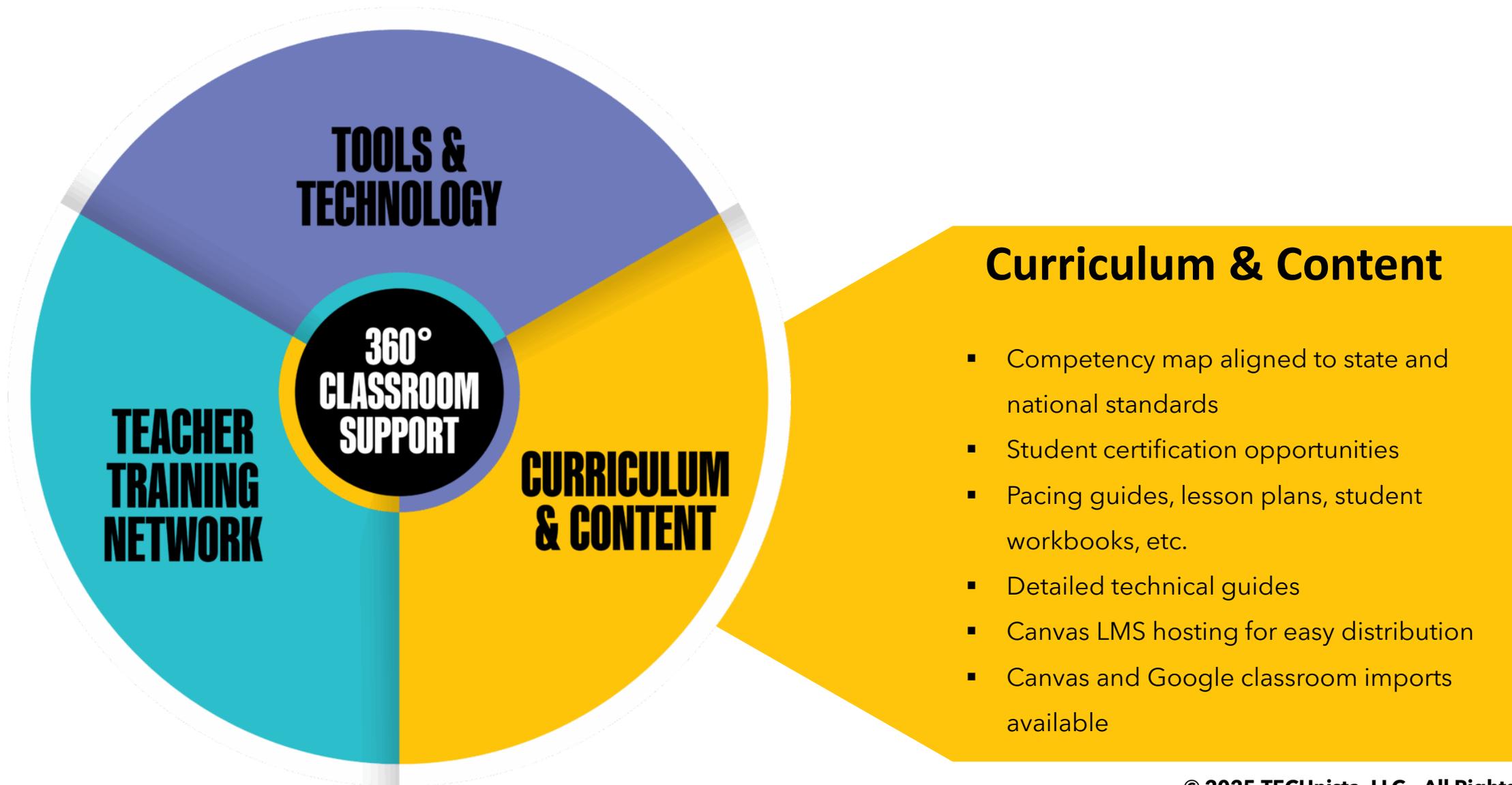
OUR APPROACH



Tools and Technology

- Equipment selected & set-up for classroom implementation
- Consumable kits configured for implementation
- Lab layout and set-up assistance
- Practical solutions that can be successfully implemented

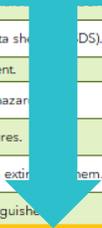




ALIGNMENT TO YOUR WORKFORCE PIPELINE

SKILL ID	TOPIC ID	CNC MACHINING TOPIC DESCRIPTION	Standard ID	CODE	COMMON STANDARDS	MEERA AM	MEERA CNC	MEERA ELE	MEERA FUT	MEERA MFE	MEERA NDT
CNC	1	Safety	a	Comply with safety rules and regulations.	CNC.1.a.★	AM.1.a.★, ELE.1.a.★, MFE.1.a.★, NDT.1.a.★, ROB.1.a.★, WEL.1.a.★	AM.1.a.★	CNC.1.a.★	ELE.1.a.★	MFE.1.a.★	NDT.1.a.★
CNC	1	Safety	b	Understand the importance of material safety data sheets (MSDS).	CNC.1.b.★	AM.1.b.★, ELE.1.b.★, MFE.1.b.★, NDT.1.b.★, ROB.1.b.★, WEL.1.b.★	AM.1.b.★	CNC.1.b.★	ELE.1.b.★	MFE.1.b.★	NDT.1.b.★
CNC	1	Safety	c	Maintain a safe working environment.	CNC.1.c.★	AM.1.c.★, ROB.1.c.★, WEL.1.c.★	AM.1.c.★	CNC.1.c.★			
CNC	1	Safety	d	Explain safe working practices around hazardous materials.	CNC.1.d.★	AM.1.d.★, ELE.1.d.★, MFE.1.d.★, NDT.1.d.★, ROB.1.d.★, WEL.1.d.★	AM.1.d.★	CNC.1.d.★	ELE.1.d.★	MFE.1.d.★	NDT.1.d.★
CNC	1	Safety	e	Identify emergency first aid procedures.	CNC.1.e.★	AM.1.e.★, ELE.1.e.★, MFE.1.e.★, NDT.1.e.★, ROB.1.e.★, WEL.1.e.★	AM.1.e.★	CNC.1.e.★	ELE.1.e.★	MFE.1.e.★	NDT.1.e.★
CNC	1	Safety	f	Identify the types of fires and the methods used to extinguish them.	CNC.1.f.★	AM.1.f.★, ELE.1.f.★, MFE.1.f.★, NDT.1.f.★, ROB.1.f.★, WEL.1.f.★	AM.1.f.★	CNC.1.f.★	ELE.1.f.★	MFE.1.f.★	NDT.1.f.★
CNC	1	Safety	g	Understand the proper use of a fire extinguisher.	CNC.1.g.★	AM.1.g.★, ELE.1.g.★, MFE.1.g.★, NDT.1.g.★, ROB.1.g.★, WEL.1.g.★					
CNC	1	Safety	h	Understand the hazards of working with CNC machine.	CNC.1.h.★						

CIP 48.0501- Machinist



Certifications

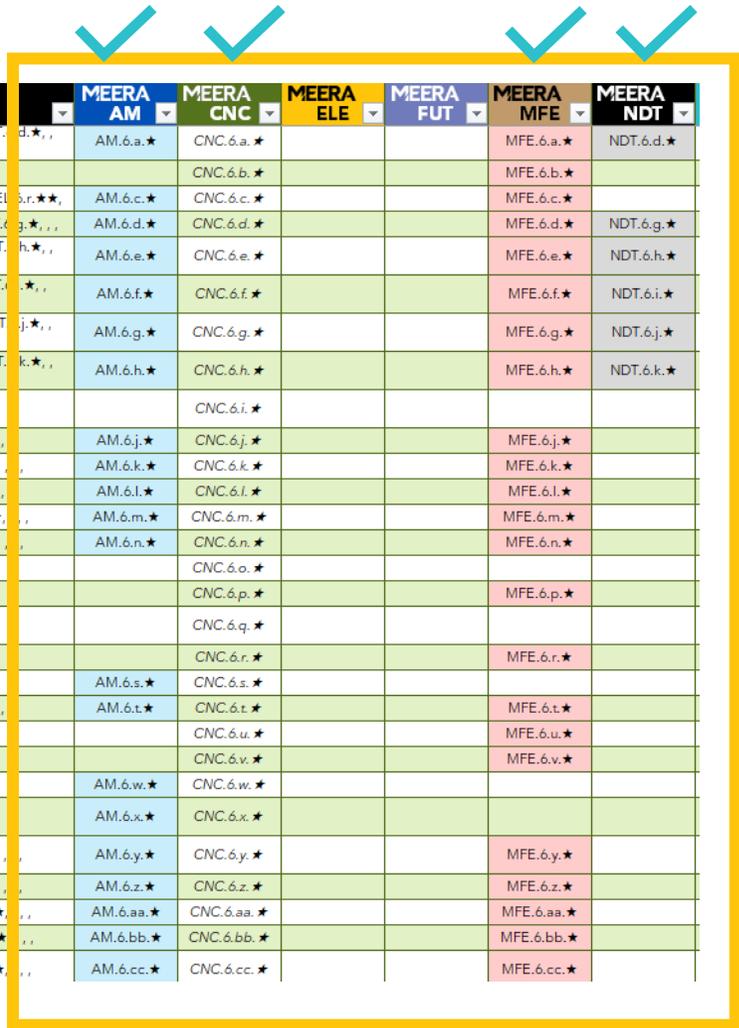


Former Segment #	Former Segment Name	Competency Code	48.0501 Machine Tool Technology/Machinist Competency Statements (2024)	Standards	Source (See Cell F104 for Key)	Performance Indicators			
CNC	Lathe I; Manufacturing Processes; Advanced Milling / Turning / Grinding		Setup and perform machining operations to print specifications.	Identify Cartesian coordinates.					
CNC	2, 8, 9, 10, 11	C (Mill)	Setup and perform machining operations to print specifications.	Describe incremental and absolute positioning and cutter compensation.	NIMS.I.K.8.1				
CNC	2, 8, 9, 10, 11	C (Mill)	Setup and perform machining operations to print specifications.	Machine features/locations on a part accurately in relation to its print.	NIMS.II.2.2	Perform various machining operations. Cut a slot.			
CNC	2, 8, 9, 10, 11					Locate zero on a part according to the print.			
Competency Code	Perkins Course Competencies (PCC)	48.0501 Machine Tool Technology/Machinist Competency Statements (2024)		Tooling U - Foundational	Tooling U - Mill	Tooling U - Lathe	Tooling U - Grinding	Tooling U - CNC	Titans of CNC - Mill: Level I
A1	A	Describe and demonstrate general workplace, personal, and machine safety.		X					
A2	A	Develop an inspection plan and inspect simple parts using precision tools and techniques.		X					X
B1	B	Demonstrate knowledge of understanding prints by measuring, laying out, machining, and finishing parts to detailed drawings.		X					X
B2	B	Demonstrate the use of basic hand tools.		X					X
B3	B	Set up and perform cutting and sawing operations based on specifications.		X					X
C1	C	Setup and perform machining operations to print specifications.*			X	X	X	X	X

CONTEXTUAL LEARNING

SKILL ID	TOPIC ID	CNC MACHINING TOPIC DESCRIPTION	Standard ID	MEERA STANDARD DESCRIPTION	MEERA LEVEL	M CODE	M COMMON STANDARDS	MEERA AM	MEERA CNC	MEERA ELE	MEERA FUT	MEERA MFE	MEERA NDT
CNC	6	Technical Math	a	Work with fractions and decimals and convert between the two.	★	CNC.6.a.★	AM.6.a.★, MFE.6.a.★, NDT.6.a.★, WEL.6.a.★	AM.6.a.★	CNC.6.a.★			MFE.6.a.★	NDT.6.d.★
CNC	6	Technical Math	b	Convert between the standard and metric systems.	★	CNC.6.b.★	,,, MFE.6.b.★, ,,,		CNC.6.b.★			MFE.6.b.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	c	Convert between Celsius and Fahrenheit.	★	CNC.6.c.★	AM.6.c.★, MFE.6.c.★, WEL.6.c.★	AM.6.c.★	CNC.6.c.★			MFE.6.c.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	d	Apply the Cartesian Coordinate System in relation to machine coordinates.	★	CNC.6.d.★	AM.6.d.★, MFE.6.d.★, NDT.6.d.★	AM.6.d.★	CNC.6.d.★			MFE.6.d.★	NDT.6.g.★
CNC	6	Technical Math	e	Calculate percentages in relation to manufacturing processes.	★	CNC.6.e.★	AM.6.e.★, MFE.6.e.★, NDT.6.e.★, WEL.6.b.★	AM.6.e.★	CNC.6.e.★			MFE.6.e.★	NDT.6.h.★
CNC	6	Technical Math	f	Read and interpret graphs, charts, and tables.	★	CNC.6.f.★	AM.6.f.★, MFE.6.f.★, NDT.6.f.★, WEL.6.c.★	AM.6.f.★	CNC.6.f.★			MFE.6.f.★	NDT.6.i.★
CNC	6	Technical Math	g	Understand proportions and ratios.	★	CNC.6.g.★	AM.6.g.★, MFE.6.g.★, NDT.6.g.★, WEL.6.d.★	AM.6.g.★	CNC.6.g.★			MFE.6.g.★	NDT.6.j.★
CNC	6	Technical Math	h	Apply proportions and ratios in scaling and mixing processes.	★	CNC.6.h.★	AM.6.h.★, MFE.6.h.★, NDT.6.h.★, WEL.6.e.★	AM.6.h.★	CNC.6.h.★			MFE.6.h.★	NDT.6.k.★
CNC	6	Technical Math	i	Applying mathematical concepts to solve practical, real-world problems related to manufacturing.	★	CNC.6.i.★	,,, ,,,, WEL.6.f.★		CNC.6.i.★				
CNC	6	Technical Math	j	Perform basic arithmetic operations with whole numbers.	★	CNC.6.j.★	AM.6.j.★, MFE.6.j.★	AM.6.j.★	CNC.6.j.★			MFE.6.j.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	k		★	CNC.6.k.★	AM.6.k.★, MFE.6.k.★	AM.6.k.★	CNC.6.k.★			MFE.6.k.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	l		★	CNC.6.l.★	AM.6.l.★, MFE.6.l.★	AM.6.l.★	CNC.6.l.★			MFE.6.l.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	m		★	CNC.6.m.★	AM.6.m.★, MFE.6.m.★	AM.6.m.★	CNC.6.m.★			MFE.6.m.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	n		★	CNC.6.n.★	AM.6.n.★, MFE.6.n.★	AM.6.n.★	CNC.6.n.★			MFE.6.n.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	o	Work with linear measurement and units of length (standard and metric).	★	CNC.6.o.★	,,, ,,,,		CNC.6.o.★				
CNC	6	Technical Math	p	Understand and apply 1D measurement length, perimeter, and circumference.	★	CNC.6.p.★	,,, MFE.6.p.★, ,,,,		CNC.6.p.★			MFE.6.p.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	q	Read measuring instruments as they relate to applied math (rulers, vernier, calipers, micrometer).	★	CNC.6.q.★	,,, ,,,,		CNC.6.q.★				
CNC	6	Technical Math	r	Work with angular measurement and units of angular measure.	★	CNC.6.r.★	,,, MFE.6.r.★, ,,,,		CNC.6.r.★			MFE.6.r.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	s	Perform basic operations with angular units.	★	CNC.6.s.★	AM.6.s.★, ,,,, ,,,,	AM.6.s.★	CNC.6.s.★				
CNC	6	Technical Math	t	Work with triangles and their angles (general).	★	CNC.6.t.★	AM.6.t.★, MFE.6.t.★	AM.6.t.★	CNC.6.t.★			MFE.6.t.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	u	Apply problem solving skills by working with units of material properties and time.	★	CNC.6.u.★	,,, MFE.6.u.★, ,,,,		CNC.6.u.★			MFE.6.u.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	v	Apply problem solving skills by calculating time and cost.	★	CNC.6.v.★	,,, MFE.6.v.★, ,,,,		CNC.6.v.★			MFE.6.v.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	w	Understand basics of CCS working in 2D space such as axes, points, coordinates (2D).	★	CNC.6.w.★	AM.6.w.★, ,,,, ,,,,	AM.6.w.★	CNC.6.w.★				
CNC	6	Technical Math	x	Understand basics of CCS working in 3D space such as coordinate planes and coordinates in space.	★	CNC.6.x.★	AM.6.x.★, ,,,, ,,,,	AM.6.x.★	CNC.6.x.★				
CNC	6	Technical Math	y	Understand translation fundamentals via absolute and incremental positioning with respect to datum.	★	CNC.6.y.★	AM.6.y.★, MFE.6.y.★	AM.6.y.★	CNC.6.y.★			MFE.6.y.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	z	Understand basic rotation about an axis.	★	CNC.6.z.★	AM.6.z.★, MFE.6.z.★	AM.6.z.★	CNC.6.z.★			MFE.6.z.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	aa	Correlate a coordinate system of 3-axis machine to CCS.	★	CNC.6.aa.★	AM.6.aa.★, MFE.6.aa.★	AM.6.aa.★	CNC.6.aa.★			MFE.6.aa.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	bb	Correlate references and zeros of 3-axis machine to CCS.	★	CNC.6.bb.★	AM.6.bb.★, MFE.6.bb.★	AM.6.bb.★	CNC.6.bb.★			MFE.6.bb.★	
CNC	6	Technical Math	cc	Correlate G-Code of 3-axis CNC machine (as to how movement is achieved) to basic translation/rotation within CCS.	★	CNC.6.cc.★	AM.6.cc.★, MFE.6.cc.★	AM.6.cc.★	CNC.6.cc.★			MFE.6.cc.★	

TECHNICAL MATH SKILL



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MEERA Curriculum Framework

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Life Skills & Workplace Readiness - Entering the Workforce

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The student will:

- a) Explore self-awareness and self-advocacy skills.
- b) Identify personal and professional interests and preferences.
- c) Determine the knowledge, skill, and abilities needed to join today's workforce.
- d) Identify personal related goals.
- e) Identify steps required to obtain personal goals including time, effort, and experience necessary to pursue personal goals.
- f) Develop a plan to attain personal related goals.
- g) Identify educational related goals.
- h) Identify steps required to obtain educational goals including time, effort, and experience necessary to pursue educational goals.
- i) Develop a plan to attain educational related goals.
- j) Identify professional related goals.
- k) Identify steps required to obtain professional goals including time, effort, and experience necessary to pursue professional goals.
- l) Develop a plan to attain professional related goals.
- m) Seek guidance from experts on assistance with the planning and execution of personal, educational, and professional goals.
- n) Explore job acquisition skills.
- o) Investigate career pathways and occupations of interest within the identified MEERA disciplines.
- p) Explore the relationship between education/training and occupations within the identified MEERA disciplines.
- q) Explore the relationship between education/training and occupations within the identified MEERA disciplines and how they are related to **your region**.
- r) Establish connections between your role as a student in the MEERA program and the world around you.
- s) Establish connections between individuals employed in identified MEERA disciplines and the world around them.
- t) Complete a career interest assessment.

Skill Snapshot

Entering the workforce requires a strategic approach that begins with exploring self-awareness and self-advocacy skills. By identifying personal and professional interests, individuals can determine the specific knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to thrive in today's workforce. Setting goals is vital, as is recognizing the steps necessary to achieve them. Students in the MEERA program will work towards developing a plan for attaining these goals. Understanding the relationship between education and occupations in these fields, especially in relation to local opportunities, enhances one's ability to make informed decisions. Establishing connections between academic experiences in the MEERA program and real-world applications is crucial for long-term success.

Objectives	Guiding Questions	Technical Terms	Industry Equipment
Students should <i>demonstrate</i> competency in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify self-awareness and self-advocacy skills. 	Students should <i>investigate</i> these concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can constructive feedback impact your self- 	Students should <i>apply</i> these terms when and where necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-Awareness ▪ Self-Advocacy 	Students should <i>utilize</i> and demonstrate competence with these tools or pieces of equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computer/laptop

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Instructional Resources (Equipment / Documents / Online Resources):

- ELE 6.1.2 – ELE Theory Slide Deck
- ELE 6.1.2 – Introduction Matching worksheet
- Locktronics Kits

Equipment & Lab Setup:

Instructor will need to set out the kits that include breadboards and other compon

Practice & Application:

Before:

- Make copies of the ELE Introduction Matching worksheet.
- Open the ELE 6.1.2 – ELE Theory Slide Deck.

During:

- The instructor will present the ELE Theory Slide Deck to the students.
- This presentation highlights some of the major components of electronics

After:

- The students will complete the Introduction Matching worksheet that help

Technical Instruction Guide:

N/A

Opportunities to Grade:

Participation in the ELE 6.1.2 – ELE Theory Slide Deck presentation
ELE 6.1.2 – Introduction Matching worksheet

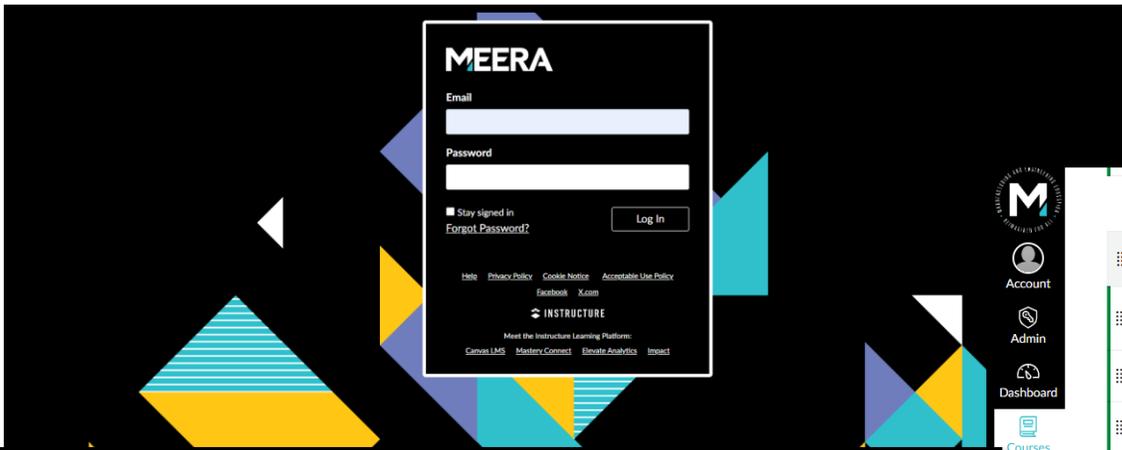
Participation in ELE 6.1.2 – Slide Deck
Completion of the Locktronics circuit
"ELECTRONICS (ELE) – TOOLS OF THE TRADE" Quizlet

Assessment & Check for Understanding:

- How does current flow in a circuit impact the design and operation of electronic devices?
- What are the key differences between conductors and insulators?
- What are the common hand tools used in electronics?

Learning Objectives:

 COMP CODE	MEERA COMPETENCY DESCRIPTION	 COMMON CORE ELA Standards (5-8)	 COMMON CORE Math Standards (5-8)	 Next Generation Science Standards (5-8)
ELE.1.a. ★	Comply with federal, state, and local legal requirements including the OSHA & EPA.	5.RI.1, 5.RI.7, 6.RI.1, 6.RI.2, 6.RI.4, 6.L.2, 6.L.4, 7.RI.1, , 7.RI.2, 7.L.2, 7.L.4, 8.L.2, 8.L.4, 8.RI.1, 8.RI.2, 8.RI.4, 6.W.2, 7.W.2, 8.W.2	-	-
ELE.1.c. ★	Maintain a safe working environment.	6.L.1, 6.L.2, 6.L.3, 6.L.4, 7.L.1, 7.L.2, 7.L.3, 7.L.4, 8.L.1, 8.L.2, 8.L.3, 8.L.4, 6.RI.1, 7.RI.1, 8.RI.1, 6.RI.4, 7.RI.4, 8.RI.4, 6.W.2, 7.W.2, 8.W.2	-	-
ELE.1.d. ★	Explain safe working practices around hazards.	5.W.8, 5.SL.8, 6.W.2, 6.SL.4, 7.W.2, 7.SL.4, 8.W.2, 8.SL.4	-	-
ELE.1.h. ★	Understand the hazards of working with electronics/electricity.	-	-	-
ELE.1.w .★	Identify electrical hazards associated with improper management and care of power cables.	-	-	-
ELE.2.b. ★	Identify hazards associated with electrical equipment.	5.RI.9, 6.RI.3, 6.L.1, 6.L.2, 6.L.3, 6.L.4, 7.L.1, 7.L.2, 7.L.3, 7.L.4, 8.L.1, 8.L.2, 8.L.3, 8.L.4, 6.RI.1, 7.RI.1, 8.RI.1	-	-
ELE.3.b. ★	Define the primary components of a circuit and their units (voltage, conductance, current, resistance).	6.L.6, 7.L.6, 8.L.6, 6.W.2, 7.W.2, 8.W.2, 6.W.7, 7.W.7, 8.W.7	-	-
ELE.3.g g.★	Distinguish between and open and closed electrical circuit.	-	-	-
ELE.3.h. ★	Identify current direction in a DC circuit.	6.RST.4, 7.RST.4, 8.RST.4	-	-
ELE.3.h h.★	Understand the key components of a complete (closed) electrical circuit.	-	-	-



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MEERA COMPETENCY MAP

MEERA CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

CNC Machining

- CNC.6.1.1 - Safety
 - CNC - Safety - Lesson Plan.docx
 - CNC 6.1.1 - CNC Safety.pptx
 - CNC PPE Matching Poster ANSWER KEY.pdf
 - CNC PPE Matching Poster.pdf
- CNC.6.1.2 - Theory
 - CNC 6.1.2 - Theory Overview Lesson Plan.docx
 - CNC 6.1.2 - CNC Theory.pptx
 - CNC 6.1.2 - Introduction Matching ANSWER KEY.docx
 - CNC 6.1.2 - Introduction Matching.docx
- CNC.6.1.3 - Tools of the Trade
 - CNC 6.1.3 - Tools of the Trade - Lesson Plan.docx
 - CNC 6.1.3 - Tools of the Trade Slide Deck.pptx

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M ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING THEORY

Stop & Discuss Opportunity:
What is additive manufacturing? Is additive manufacturing the same thing as 3D printing?

Yes - additive manufacturing is the term that industry uses to describe what many people commonly refer to as "3D printing".

ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

Additive manufacturing is the process of producing a part by depositing material in layers on the base material or built plate. Metals, plastics, and composites are all possible materials to use for this process.

The core of additive manufacturing is adding layers and layers of material together to create a new object.




HISTORY OF ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING



SUBTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING

The opposite of additive manufacturing is subtractive manufacturing. Subtractive manufacturing processes, like CNC machining, remove material to create a part. In a subtractive manufacturing process, you start with a large piece of material and cut away excess until you have produced the final part.



Stop & Discuss Opportunity:
What are some of the benefits of using additive manufacturing in industry?

ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produces less waste Easily produces complex shapes Can produce unique part features that are otherwise impossible to create Rapidly produces low expensive prototypes parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slower process for mass production of an object Less precise than subtractive processes Machines are expensive and quickly become obsolete

3D printing enables and enhances design freedom for additive manufacturing to produce production.

How will more and more 3D printing production reduce the need for assembly?

Additive manufacturing is used in a variety of industries including:

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Industrial
- Medical
- Manufacturing



AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

Commercial and military jet airplanes, helicopters, satellites, rocket ships, and missiles are included in the aerospace industry.

The aerospace industry was one of the first to integrate 3D printing on a large scale.

The lightweight design of 3D printed parts/components helped save the aerospace industry thousands of dollars.



AEROSPACE INDUSTRY



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M ROBOTIC JOINTS, MOTION, & PROGRAMMING

Stop & Discuss Opportunity:
How do robots move? How do robots change position?

ROBOTICS REVIEW

Robotics is the branch of technology that includes the design, construction, operation, and use of robots.

Robots can be used in many fields, including manufacturing, healthcare, and even space exploration.



ROBOTIC MOTION

Motion is the way a robot moves or changes its position.

A robot's motion is directed by a set of instructions or commands that tell the robot which actions to take, how to move, and how to avoid obstacles.

There are different types of motion including linear motion and rotational motion.



ROBOTIC JOINTS

Joints are described as the moveable parts that connect different sections of a robot's arm.

Joints allow for motion to occur. Robot joints allow for the robot to rotate, bend, and twist. Just like how human joints (knee, elbow, wrist) allow us to move.



COMPONENTS OF A 3D PRINTER

BAMBU LAB 3D PRINTER

- Motion Mechanism
- Heated Print Bed
- Printing Nozzle (Extruder)



Extruder - The nozzle of the 3D printer. It adds the filament to create the 3D object. It controls the flow rate of the filament.

Print Bed - The flat surface where the 3D printed object is built. It controls the temperature of the print.



LET'S EXPLORE OUR ROBOT

J1 is the joint that allows rotational motion at the robot base.

J1 on the Dobot allows for the same rotational motion.



Where would this joint be on our robot?

LET'S EXPLORE OUR ROBOT

J2 is the joint that allows rotational motion at the bottom of the first arm.

J2 on the Dobot allows for the same rotational motion.



Where would this joint be on our robot?

LET'S EXPLORE OUR ROBOT

J3 is the joint that allows rotational motion at the end of the first arm.

J3 on the Dobot allows for the same rotational motion.



Where would this joint be on our robot?

DID YOU KNOW?

Our robot has a 4th joint that allows the end effector to rotate at the end of the second arm.



Pause to Practice:
Think about YOUR arm - how many joints does your arm have that allow you to move it in various ways?

Stop & Discuss Opportunity:
How do we control how a robot moves?

PROGRAMS

A program is a set of specific instructions that tells a machine exactly what to do.

Machines do not know what to do until you tell them what to do - they blindly follow the code they are given by the program.

In order for a robot to move, it must have commands to follow just like 3D printers and CNC machines.



ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

Think back to AM - those machines rely on code to tell them how and where to move - a program for a CNC machine does the exact same thing.



CNC MACHINING

Think back to CNC - those machines also rely on code to tell them how and where to move - a program for a robot does the exact same thing.



ROBOTICS

With AM and CNC machines in mind - those machines rely on code to tell them how and where to move - a program for a robot does the exact same thing.



Pause to Practice:
You are going to "program your friend" to show how

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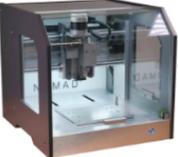
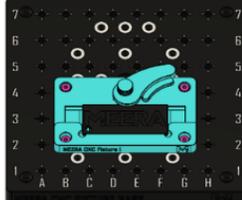
PROGRAM YOUR FRIEND CHALLENGE

CNC.6.1.4 - 3D Keychain TECHNICAL GUIDE

PRINT NAME / NUMBER	FILE NAME / PROGRAM NUMBER
CNC.6.1.4 - 3D Keychain / 6001	6001 (CNC.6.1.4)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

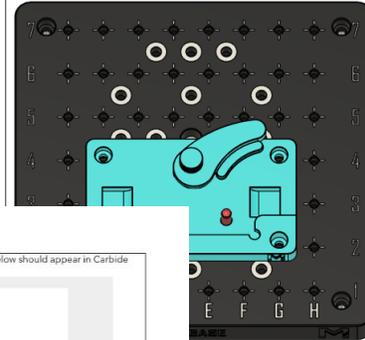
This document will guide you through the setup for **CNC.6.1.4 - 3D Keychain**. Following every step in this guide is critical. Be sure to pay attention to instructions and seek help from your instructor if something is unclear.

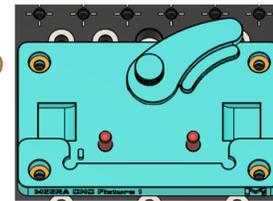
PROJECT PARTS LIST		
Part Name	QTY	Image
CNC Kit 6.1	1	
A. CNC Kit 6.1 - MEERA CNC Fixture 1	1	
B. CNC Kit 6.1 - M5 x 12mm Bolt	4	
C. CNC Kit 6.1 - M5 Washer	4	
D. CNC Kit 6.1 - M6 x 30mm Dowel Pin	2	

Blank AM.6.1.4 - 3D Keychain	21	
Torque Screwdriver	1	
3mm hex bit	1	
Bench Brush	1	

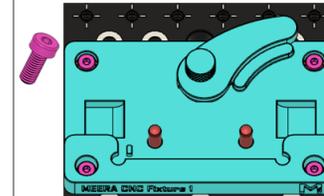
- Place the "MEERA CNC Fixture 1" over the **RED** pictured dowel pins to correctly align the fixture to the CNC Mill table:
 - DO NOT FORCE THE FIXTURE DOWN**, this could damage the base plate or the project fixture
 - Slide the "MEERA CNC Fixture 1" down until it is flat on the "MEERA CNC Fixture Base"
 - The mounting holes in each corner of the "MEERA CNC Fixture 1" should align with **B2, B4, G2, & G4** on the "MEERA CNC Fixture Base"



- Place [4x] **CNC Kit 6.1_C** washers, indicated in **YELLOW**, into each of the corners of the "MEERA CNC Fixture 1"



- Place [4x] **CNC Kit 6.1_B** bolts, indicated in **PINK**, into each of the corners of the "MEERA CNC Fixture 1"



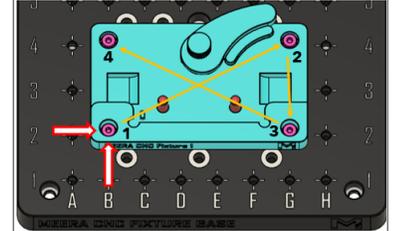
- Find the pictured screwdriver (below):



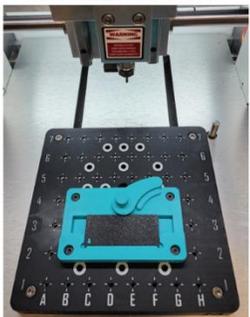
- DO NOT use a standard hex key**
- The pictured screwdriver will prevent you from overtightening the bolts and damaging the fixture

- Snug each bolt in the picture (below)

- You should **snug** (tighten each screw until you start to feel resistance in your screwdriver) each of the bolts in the following order: **B2, G4, G2, B4**



You are now ready to run your CNC Program!



PROJECT PROCEDURE - STEP THREE

Operating the Nomad 3 Desktop CNC Machine

- Click "Load New File" - This will open the windows file explorer



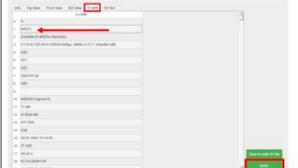
- In the windows file explorer, use this file path: Documents>MEERA>CNC.6.1.4>6001 (Nomad 3)

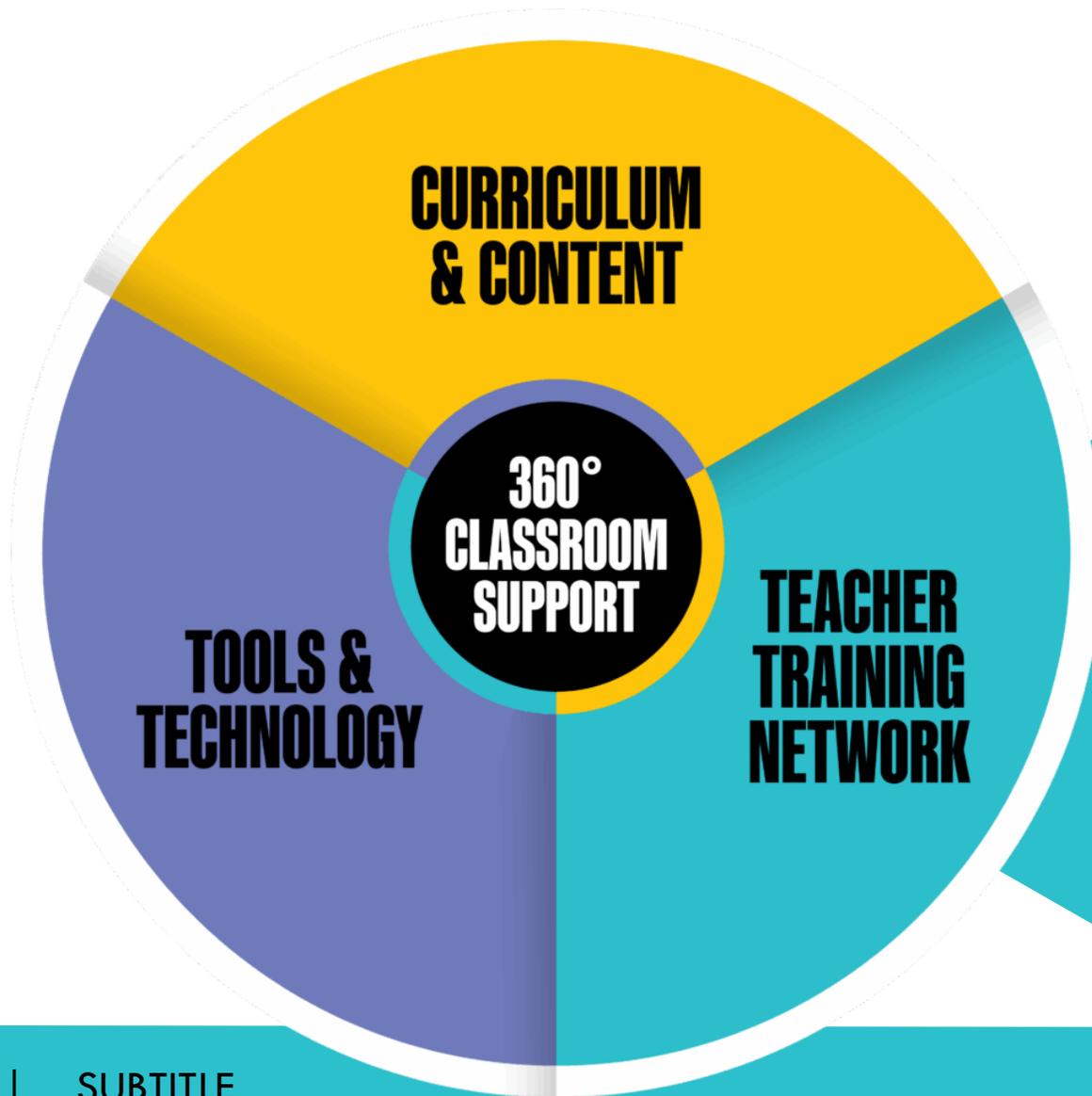


- A screen like the one pictured below should appear in Carbide Motion:



- Click the "G-Code" tab at the top of the screen and confirm the program number matches the number for this technical guide (**6001**)

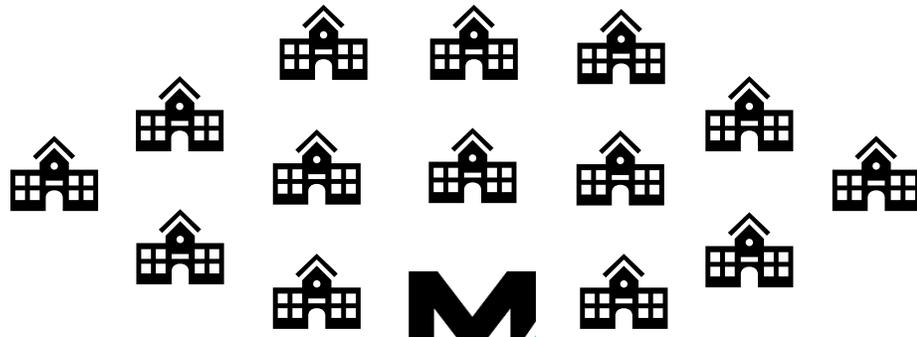




Teacher Training Network

- Teacher certification program
- Continued professional development in your region
- “911 support” from Regional Training Support
- Ongoing development and continuous improvement from National Training & Tech Center

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- Curriculum Development
- Technology Selection
- RTC train-the-trainer
- Consumable production and distribution
- National "hub" for MEERA activity

Regional Training Center

- Teacher professional development
- "911 help center" for in-classroom challenges
- Lab set-up assistance and support
- Regional "hub" for MEERA activity

<p>TIER I: Program Supporter</p>	<p>GUEST SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Present as a classroom guest speaker OR -Present as a virtual guest speaker OR -Provide "A Day in the Life of..." videos 	<p>CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide a physical or virtual tour of facilities OR -Sponsor student trips to high school CTE OR -Provide awards/SWAG for manufacturing related achievements OR -Sponsor an afterschool MEERA activity 	<p>SPONSORSHIP</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>TIME AND TALENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support professional communication by agreeing to accept a student's "business email" OR -Present a "Soft-Skills Workshop" to a class OR -Participate in "Manufacturing Day" career fair events
<p>TIER II: Workforce Champion</p>	<p>GUEST SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Present as a classroom guest speaker OR -Present as a virtual guest speaker OR -Provide "A Day in the Life of..." videos 	<p>CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide a physical or virtual tour of facilities OR -Sponsor student trips to high school CTE OR -Provide awards/SWAG for manufacturing related achievements OR -Sponsor an afterschool MEERA activity 	<p>SPONSORSHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sponsor a MEERA annual curriculum and consumables subscription 	<p>TIME AND TALENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collaborate with the MEERA school to map out career pathways from middle to high school to local jobs
<p>TIER III: Legacy Partner</p>	<p>GUEST SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Present as a classroom guest speaker OR -Present as a virtual guest speaker OR -Provide "A Day in the Life of..." videos 	<p>CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide a physical or virtual tour of facilities OR -Sponsor student trips to high school CTE OR -Provide awards/SWAG for manufacturing related achievements OR -Sponsor an afterschool MEERA activity 	<p>SPONSORSHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sponsor a new MEERA lab 	<p>TIME AND TALENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide feedback on technical elements of MEERA curriculum to support continuous improvement

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MICHIGAN UPDATE

MEERA REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER (RTC)

Kent ISD

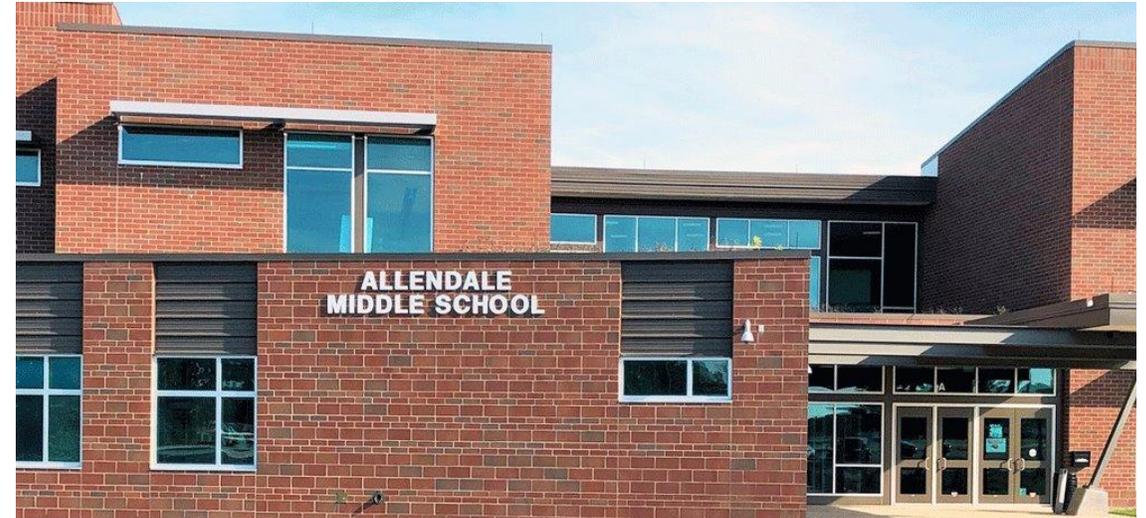
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FALL 2025 IMPLEMENTATION



Duncan
Lake
Kent ISD



Allendale
Ottawa ISD

Charles
Hackley
Muskegon
ISD



ALLENDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Lab installation complete
- Starting Fall 2025



TEACHER TRAINING



First Semester 2025-26 Michigan

901

Students Enrolled in
MEERA Pilot

93%

Students More Interested
in Manufacturing Careers

Welding

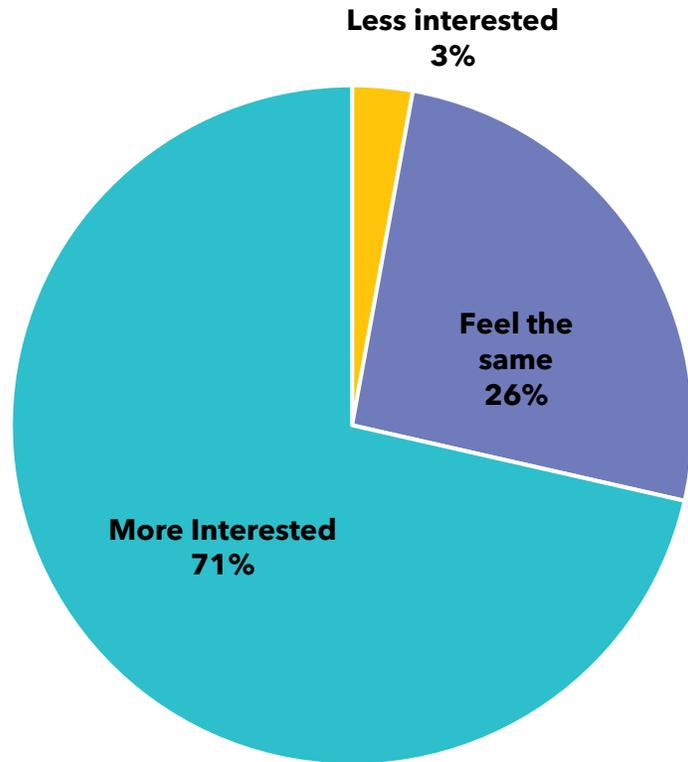
Top Career Pathway
Identified by Students

Results reflect the students enrolled in MEERA during S1 of the 25-26 school year in the three schools with MEERA in Muskegon, Kent, and Ottawa ISDs in Michigan. Students completed pre- and post-assessments focused on their knowledge of and interest in Manufacturing Pathways.

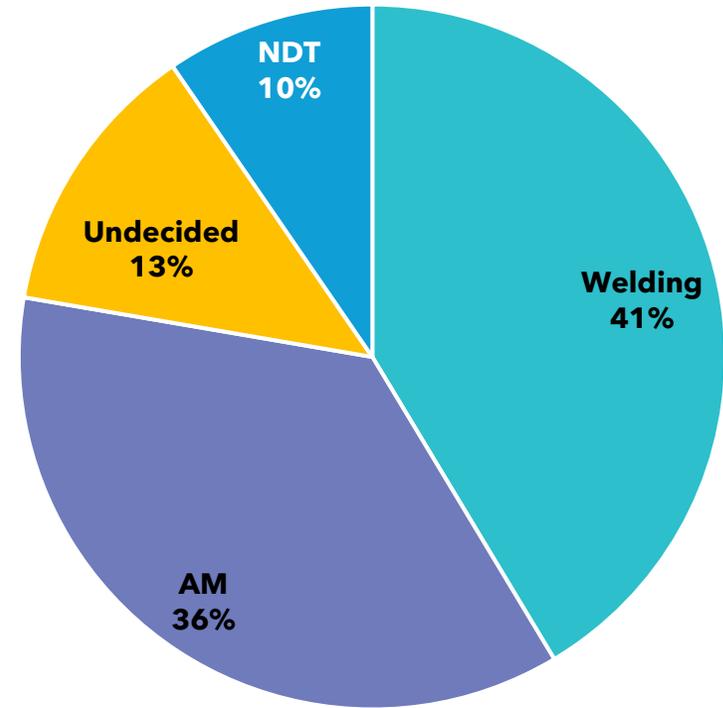
*The enrollment of 901 is an estimate for the entire 25-26 school year based on S1 actual and S2 projected.

First Semester 2025-26 HAWAII

Have your feelings changed about manufacturing?



What manufacturing topic have you found most interesting or fun?



61v Funding

Michigan Career & Technical Education (CTE) Expansion Grant

Round 1 Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2025** – Webinar announcement communication
- **Jan 9, 2026**
 - Grant application **LIVE** on NexSys
 - Applicant webinar held
- **Jan 14, 2026** – Pre-application questions due
- **Jan 21, 2026** – Pre-application Q&A appended to grant packet
- **Feb 11, 2026** – Grant application due to **MDE-OCTE**
- **March 2026** – Estimated award notification
- **Sept 15 (Annual)** – Narrative & Financial Expenditure Reports (FER) due in NexSys
 - 2026
 - 2027
 - 2028
- **June 30, 2029** – Final expenditure report due



Next Steps

- Contact Options
 - Complete contact form at meeraeducation.com
 - OR**
 - Email Cary Stamas at cstamas@technistaconsulting.com



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