

LAUNCH U

An Early Middle College program from Kent ISD and GRCC

IT - Computer Support Specialist, AAAS

Earn an Associate Degree – for free – while attending Kent Career Tech Center’s Information Technology program. Thanks to Grand Rapids Community College and Kent ISD’s Launch U program, students can now earn a diploma and a degree at the same time!

Students begin the program in KCTC’s IT program in 11th grade and finish after what’s called the 13th year – one additional year of school at GRCC. After that, students are ready to enter the workforce or pursue a higher degree with an Associate Degree in hand, and without debt.

Computer Support Specialists are in demand and critical in many industries including:

- Healthcare
- Software and IT companies
- Higher Education
- Aviation
- Manufacturing
- Finance

Professional Certifications through Launch U

Students in KCTC’s IT program have opportunities to earn several professional certifications. Those enrolled in Launch U’s Computer Support Specialist program can also earn:

- CompTia Network Plus Certification
- Microsoft Server Certification
- CompTia Security Plus Certification



Why Commit?

Why not! Typically, students who complete two years of KCTC’s IT program earn 26 college credits – nearly halfway to a degree. With Launch U, add

- More free credits
 - A free associate degree
 - A handful of free professional certifications
 - Entering the workforce or starting a higher degree sooner
- It’s a no-brainer!



Launch U is ideal for students who want to:

- Save money
- Start college early
- Start a career as soon as possible

Pursue a career right after completion, or transfer credits earned to a 4 year college!

Find out more – LaunchU.kentisd.org

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Map a Course for Success in IT!

Students in Launch U's Computer Support Specialist program take high school classes at their regular high school, plus attend college courses at Kent Career Tech Center and online during grades 11-12. Then, they attend college courses full time with GRCC during the 13th year.

Below is how a student's overall schedule looks.

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GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12	YEAR 13
Full day of classes at your high school	Full day of classes at your high school	Two-thirds of the day with your high school	Two-thirds of the day with your high school	Full day of college courses with GRCC, including general education and specialized certification courses
		Fall KCTC Information Technology/Launch U	Fall KCTC Information Technology/Launch U + GRCC course online	
		Spring KCTC Information Technology/Launch U + GRCC course online	Spring KCTC Information Technology/Launch U + GRCC course online	

NOTE - Earn 26 credits through regular KCTC IT coursework, plus 34 more credits through additional GRCC classes. That's 60 credits, a high school diploma and a college degree. All free.

Interested in launching your career? Find out more!

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