STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY. STRONG FUTURES.

Career and Technical Education at Benson Public Schools

Learning by doing, close to home.

Walk into any local ag shop on a weekday afternoon and you'll see it: a sophomore welding a gate hinge for a neighbor's farm, FFA members talking through a plant science project, a teacher who probably coached their older siblings. Benson students learn by doing. Whether students go on to run the family operation, become a diesel mechanic, a nurse, a vet tech, or something none of us have thought of yet, CTE helps them discover what they're good at and what they love.



Rooted in the community

- Local farmers and business owners visit as guest speakers
- Students gain real work experience with area employers
- Community members judge county fair projects
- Students build skills Benson needs, and many stay or come back to use them



Our community shows up

The support shown by community members and local businesses means so much to our students, whether they're competing on the field or building something in the classroom. We are incredibly grateful to live in a community that stands behind its school. When local businesses invest in our students and our classrooms, they remind students how proud we are of them and the hard work they put in every day.

Starting early, K-12

Career exploration doesn't begin in high school. From fire safety visits to field trips to the farm, Benson's youngest students meet the people and places behind the work in their community. Those early experiences build curiosity and show kids how many careers are out there, so the hands-on classes they take later feel like a natural next step.









Why it matters

"Strong schools help rural communities attract and retain families and develop the local workforce. Benson Public Schools provides quality education, childcare, career and technical training, college-credit opportunities, and opportunities for students to prepare for their future. When families choose where to live, they look at the schools. When businesses look at where to grow, they look at the people who live there. Strong schools ensure a strong future for the Benson community."

From Friday night games to concerts to fundraisers, the school is where our next neighbors, employers, and volunteers are growing up. When students have meaningful ways to learn and contribute, everyone benefits, today and for years to come.

Sources: MN State Demographic Center; City of Benson Community Assessment

Learn more at www.benson.k12.mn.us