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# MetroED Featured in Silicon Valley Business Journal's First Ever Workforce Development Guide

### A pipeline of talent from Education to the Workforce in Silicon Valley

Metropolitan Education District (MetroED) is a regional provider of Career Technical Education (CTE) and Adult Education programs. We pride ourselves in being the largest career-oriented education organization in Santa Clara County for high school and adult students.

Our Silicon Valley CTE (SVCTE) Center provides 25 high-quality career tech programs to approximately 1,500 students in grades 10, 11 and 12 from over 45 high schools every year. This school year we are also opening our high-quality programs to all high school students in Santa Clara County.

Programs are free for high school students, and fit into every student's schedule as an elective class.

Classes meet five days a week for a three-hour a.m. or p.m. session for an entire school year.

Our state-of-the-art programming and equipment allow students to explore and develop technical skills that will lead them to higher education or into the workplace.

Courses are offered within 11 industry sectors, ranging anywhere from automotive classes to dental assisting, fashion design and textile art, medical sciences, and so much more.

Our success is in our numbers. Many courses are University California (UC) and California State University (CSU) approved. Eighty-seven percent of our students continue to a two year or four year college. More than 45 percent receive college credit in their CTE program.

#### Service Areas

SVCTE provides programs for high school students in the following districts:

- Campbell Union High School District
- East Side Union High School District
- Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

- Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District
- Milpitas Unified School District
- San Jose Unified School District
- Santa Clara Unified School District

Students from charter schools and private schools can also enroll. All students must be enrolled through their home high school counselor. Students over age 18 can also enroll on a space-available basis for a small fee. Free transportation is offered to high school students in our six school districts.

#### Extended Learning Options & Summer Programs

We also offer an extended after-school program from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. during the school year. Additionally, MetroED operates summer programs for career exploration in different areas of interest to students.

**Silicon Valley Adult Education**  
Silicon Valley Adult Education (SVAE) offers adult education classes free of charge or at a low cost to adults 18 years or older.

Some of our courses include English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation for GED and HiSET tests, and High School Diploma (HSD) subject courses.

SVAE is a comprehensive adult school offering entry-level and advanced courses in medical assisting, dental assisting, Google Suite, machining, diesel, welding, and other careers in the trades. Students range anywhere from 18 to 83 years old.

This last year, 88 percent of students passed citizen interview tests, and over 4,600 certifications were taken in our Regional Testing Center.

Whether it is through SVCTE or SVAE, without a doubt Metropolitan Education District provides hands-on, life-changing experiences which ignite the passion of our community of learners.

This allows our students to be prepared for high wage-high-skill careers so they can live and stay in Silicon Valley.



San Jose, CA: [Metropolitan Education District \(MetroED\)](#) is proud to be included in the FIRST [Silicon Valley Business Journal Workforce Development Guide](#). [View our one-page feature](#) (pictured). This special edition of the Silicon Valley Business Journal explores some of the biggest challenges affecting regional workforce development. It serves as an instrumental resource for key players to prepare the local workforce for current and future job opportunities. It also allows employers and individuals to explore a robust array of workforce development services in the area.

MetroED was the perfect fit for the special edition because it has been a leader and important part of the community by providing a growing and thriving workforce for more than a century. It is the largest career-oriented workforce development education facility in Santa Clara County for high school and adult students. It operates [Silicon Valley Career Technical Education \(SVCTE\)](#) center with courses offered in Arts & Media, Healthcare, Technology, Public Services, Construction Trades, and six additional industry sectors, and [Silicon Valley Adult Education](#).



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MetroED focuses on equipping students and workers with the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to excel in their chosen careers and contribute effectively to the workforce. Through the programs students don't just operate in hands-on environments using industry equipment but they also earn college credits and certifications, and some even have internships, all of which prepares individuals to meet the demands of the job market in Silicon Valley. These important credentials are evidence of the students' qualifications and make them more competitive in the job market.

"We believe it is critical for business and education to work together to develop a well-prepared talent pipeline directly to local businesses for the future of our economic workforce," Superintendent Alyssa Lynch said. "Now more than ever our community needs highly skilled talent to fill thousands of jobs in Silicon Valley. It is important that community members who grow up in Silicon Valley can live, work, and buy a home here."

***About Metropolitan Education District:*** *MetroED is a regional provider of Career Technical Education (CTE) and Adult Education. We are the largest career-oriented education organization in Northern California for high school and adult students. Annually, MetroED provides 2,600 diverse students with the skills to help them be productive, income-earning and tax-paying contributors to Silicon Valley. Register for a free campus tour or get more information at [www.metroed.net](http://www.metroed.net)*

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