State-Approved (Chapter 74)
Program Overview

# Cabinet Making

**Cabinet makers are specialized carpenters who create functional and attractive wood items such as furniture, cabinets, doors and wood trims.**

## What Students Learn & Do

There are many different skills and techniques used in hand crafting items such as furniture, cabinets, doors, and architectural moldings for homes and offices. Over the course of their time in the program, Cabinet Making students learn about the properties of different types of wood while mastering different hand and power tools used in the trade. Students also learn to operate computerized equipment that is used in modern manufacturing to assist in the design and production of components used in custom wordwork.

Students begin their studies in a school-based wood shop, designed and equipped for teaching and learning. Once students have developed their knowledge of building techniques, principles of design, and standard safety practices, they venture out to external work sites. By the time they graduate, they will have directly contributed to crafting the finishing touches on one or more renovation or construction projects.

Cabinet Making students are required to meet the same high academic standards as their peers in other high school programs. These standards are set by the State of Massachusetts. In addition, Cabinet Making offers further reinforcement of principles of mathematics, science, and English language arts.

## Licenses & Certifications

Programs will prepare students to earn industry-recognized credentials, and typically students will be able to complete one or more before they graduate from high school. Examples:

- OSHA 10 hour Construction
- OSHA 30 hour Construction
- United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Union
- WCA Woodwork Career Alliance of North America
- NKBA National Kitchen & Bath Association

## Options After High School

State-Approved (Chapter 74) programs provide precise training needed for entry-level employment in this in-demand career field. Most Cabinet Making students will go on to an apprenticeship in carpentry or cabinet making. Here are some examples of possible career opportunities related to Cabinet Making.

### High School Diploma

- Cabinet Maker
- Antique Furniture Repair
- Architectural Mill Worker
- Remodeling

### Apprenticeship
**(Learning through paid work)**

- Carpenter

### Bachelor's Degree
**(4 Years of College)**

- Furniture Designer
- Teacher - Carpentry, Cabinet Making

## Questions to Ask a Program You Are Considering

1. **What workplace experiences do you offer to students - at school, or with an employer?**
2. **What are some common next steps for graduates of this program and how do you support them to get there?**

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