

# Heartland Career Center

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I would like to start off by welcoming you to Heartland Career Center and the Welding program this year. Our first day of school is August 11, 2025. The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself and to inform you of the requirements of the Welding Program.

My name is Jack Holley and this school year will be my 22nd year at Heartland. I have seen a lot of changes in the years here. Some negative and some positive. With that being said, I have seen the most change the last few school years. There has been a push here in Indiana for great skilled labor force and welding and advance manufacturing is right at the top. Part of this push has enabled us to rebuild and outfit our welding lab with some of the newest technology and equipment on the market. I have also had a surge in employers looking for welders contacting me for contacts. It has also opened many doors for internships to the students that are driven and motivated in my class. So, the timing of you coming into Welding here at Heartland could not be better.

Here is a list of items that each student needs to have with them in the first two weeks of school:

1. Pencils
2. (3)Markers to mark on metal ( sharpies work fine)
3. 12' tape measure (this is the minimal length 25' is better)
4. Work boots (steel toes are not required but recommended)
5. Welding jacket
6. Welding helmet
7. Work Clothes (you will be required to change most days into these clothes. Know that these clothes will get dirty and get holes in them. You will also be asked to take them home on a timely manner and wash them. Remember if you do not have work clothes and cannot work you are not earning points)
8. Welding Gloves (not work gloves- welding gloves have a high gauntlets on them and are well insulated for the heat.

I will also like to have an open line of communication with your parents or guardians so I am asking that each student have their parents or guardians email me within the first two weeks of school at [jholley@hcc.k12.in.us](mailto:jholley@hcc.k12.in.us). Each student whose parents email me will receive 10 ex-credit points. For those who do not email, I will offer the same 10 points if they call and leave me a voice mail at 260-563-7481. I am looking forward to a great year and if you have any question please feel free to call.

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