

DEPARTMENT OF WELDING & METAL FABRICATION

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Dear Parent/Guardian & Student:

Congratulations on being accepted as a Welding student at Bristol Technical Education Center!

The following is a list of the items you must have at the start of school:

Tools/Supplies:

Soap Stone & Holder	Wire Brushes (small, medium, and large)
Safety Glasses (3 pair)	Flint Striker
Tape measure	Tip Cleaner
Welding Helmet w/ auto dark lens	Cutting glasses w/ #5 lens
ARC Gloves (2 pair)	FR cotton welding jacket (black)
MIG Gloves (2 pair)	
TIG Gloves (2 pair)	Leather welding jacket
Wire Cutting pliers	Chipping Hammer
3/32" E3 tungsten electrodes (4)	Vise Grip pliers
3/32" Pure tungsten electrodes (4)	Lock for Locker
Notebook	4-1/2" Electric Angle Grinder
Pencils	12" Combination square

Suggested suppliers are:

Maine Oxy in Naugatuck and Airgas East in Waterbury, mention that you are a Bristol TEC student and you will receive a discount on a complete package. Items may also be purchased at stores such as Tractor Supply, Home Depot, online, and other welding suppliers.

Shop Uniforms are required. CT Uniform is one of the chosen distributors. CT Uniform can be reached at [\(203\) 573-9898](tel:2035739898), they are located at 567 Watertown Ave, Waterbury, CT 06708. Inform them that you are a welding student at Bristol TEC. The shop shirt color is **BLACK**. Students can also buy black shirts and crewneck sweatshirts (from Walmart or a similar outlet) & have their name embroidered with **RED** stitching.

- At least two {2} long sleeve shirts (black, **100% cotton**) and two {2} pairs of properly fitted denim or canvas pants with no rips/frays, and a belt is mandatory.

Students can also choose the most updated shop uniform from Darter Specialties with welding logo on the back at the link below:

<https://schools.dartergroup.com/bristoltech/welding.html>

- **Hooded Sweatshirts are NOT allowed in shop.**

Work boots: Do not have to be steel toed, but must be leather with a high top.

The following items are not required but useful to have and will enhance your outfit and help you during your year here in welding/metal fab:

Small tool box	Combination wrench set	Adjustable wrenches
Screwdriver set	Flat and round file	

We are looking forward to seeing you at the start of the school year in August. We can be reached at **860-584-8433 ext. 28314**.