

1400 students visit the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR during the fall of 2006.

Eighteen local area and regional schools from as far north as Traverse City Vocational and south to Careerline Technical have visited The Granger Center for Construction and HVACR during the 2006 fall semester.

Students are able to apply the information they have been studying in school with mini lectures provided by faculty and student guides on concepts of Heating Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration while touring the facility.

“Progress and innovation are traditions at Ferris. The construction of the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR has been designed with the student as the focus and illustrates the perfect workings of building systems and structures that allow for growth in a simulated industry experience”, said Mike Feutz, Department Chair, “We encourage industry, instructors and students alike to visit our state-of-the-art facility”.

Students were also able to learn more about the careers available in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration. The industry hosts a wide range of career paths that are currently in demand. Ferris State University offers the HVACR Technology Associates program, founded in 1945, and the Bachelors Engineering Technology program founded in 1985.

MOISD Career Pathway Director Laura Thebo, comments,” The students appreciate the support of the surrounding community including Ferris State University. As a result of that support, the students are exposed to some of the lesser-known, nontraditional college career paths such as Construction, Welding as well as Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, which are in demand out in the work force.”

“Students and parents alike need to be aware of technical, service- oriented careers. The student who chooses HVACR is highly employable, making an above average income once they graduate from college. To a parent, that information is worth its weight in gold.”

Prearranged tours, week day tours and daily campus tours as well as individual tours are available by calling Mike Feutz, HVACR Department Chair at 231-591-2608.