

SKYLINE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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The Skyline Career Development Center of the Dallas Independent School District offers high school students an in-depth, hands-on 3 or 4 year program in plastics technology. According to Bill McConnell, this is the most advanced and best equipped high school plastics shop in the country.

The shop includes industrial grade thermoformers, molding machines, an extruder, and fabricating, decorating, and material testing equipment. Students are encouraged to explore and experiment with different processes, materials, and design solutions.

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Spartech Plastics is the custom thermoplastic sheet and rolled stock extrusion division of Spartech Corporation. The division's 25 strategically located North American plants, which are capable of extruding nearly all available thermoplastic materials, make it one of the leading producers of rigid sheet and rolled stock in the world. Spartech's plant in Arlington, Texas, maintains four extrusion lines with tri-extrusion capabilities. These lines have the latest in computer technology, and three of them can extrude sheet up to 120" wide. Spartech's overall emphasis on quality and services led them to their current market leadership position, and they welcome the opportunity for you to tour their facility.

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In the thermoforming business since 1979, Kinro Composites is nationally recognized for its Better Bath Components product line of thermoformed bath and kitchen products marketed to the manufactured housing, modular housing, and RV industries. Other thermoformed products produced by Kinro Composites include kayaks, exterior components for travel trailers, spas, and material handling and storage trays.

The 200,000 square-foot plant in Waxahachie, Texas, maintains 9 rotary thermoformers, 1 single-station thermoformer, and 5 Thermwood CNC trim machines. Additional processes include a robotic spray system for composite rigidizing.

Kinro Composites continues to advance the development of larger heavy-gage thermoformed parts. Its newest 3-station rotary machine built by AVT in Gladwin, Michigan, with mold capacity of 10 foot x 25 x six-foot depth provides opportunities for large parts such as front, rear, and top sections for RVs; large truck bed liners; agricultural and heavy equipment components and boat hulls and decks.

Kinro Composites' technical experience and large-part thermoforming capabilities were demonstrated by earning the People's Choice Award at the 2003 Thermoforming Conference with its entry of an 18-foot pleasure boat assembled by Four Winds.

Kinro Composites is certified ISO 9001-2000 with emphasis on customer satisfaction and continuous improvement. Knowledge of their markets' needs, innovative product design, superb quality, and ongoing customer support has led to Kinro Composites' number-one position in their markets.