

6-12

BALANCED CTAE INSTRUCTION

In the Cobb County School District, 6-12 Career Education (CTAE) supports student transition to a formal post-secondary or industry experience through rigorous academic application that prepares the student to compete in a global workforce through extension, exploration, and experience.

EXTENSION

- Students apply evolving skill sets to support creativity, collaboration, and productivity in a changing, technological, and diverse workspace.
- Students model professionalism and ethical behavior in integrated teamwork and community service.
- Students translate content knowledge into job-ready, problem-solving, and entrepreneurial skills.
- Students investigate the importance of projected workforce growth and skill requirements through industry credentialing.

EXPLORATION

- Students explore career interests and aptitudes by learning industry specific skills, language, and foundational knowledge aligned to career pathways.
- Students develop an understanding of the function of professional organizations through participation in career technical student organizations (CTSO).
- Students challenge themselves by competing in industry relevant CTSO conferences and competitive events that align with the essential employability skills, competencies, and knowledge that will produce success in the 21st-century workplace.

EXPERIENCE

- Students demonstrate industry competency through participation in experiential classroom lab activities, industry lab simulations, and Work-Based Learning experiences.
- Students exhibit work readiness, critical thinking, project management, innovative practice, and respect for diversity.

