WORKFORCE READY
A GUIDE TO PURSUING YOUR CAREER PATH

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Workforce Ready is an employability skills pathway in which students take a deep dive into developing competency and understanding including the significance of work/jobs on individual, family, community, state, nation, and world economies; development of critical thinking skills related to employment and workforce; communication in workplace and between workers; customer service techniques in various work settings; self-advocacy/self-determination skills related to employment, work-related situations, and personal development; teamwork practices in various settings; personal and workplace health and safety; technology applications; workplace comprehension—reading and listening; dependability in the workplace; personal financial literacy; conflict resolution strategies for the workplace; leadership through Career Technical Student Organizations.

HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY CLASSES

INTRODUCTION TO CAREER COMPETENCIES delivers employability skills that ease their transition to the workforce. Specific skills within the course provide additional opportunities for students to sharpen academic and employability skills, financial literacy, multiple forms of communication strategies, mastery of technology and specific-related tools, workplace safety, and self-advocacy approaches.

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ADVANCED CAREER COMPETENCIES provides additional opportunities for students to sharpen academic and employability skills, financial literacy, multiple forms of communication strategies, leadership skills, mastery of technology and specific-related tools, workplace safety, and self-advocacy approaches. Students will have heavy exposure to workplace and community experiences, complete and present career portfolios, complete a community/school service project, hone leadership skills, and earn business and industry recognized credentials.

CAPSTONE: WBL INTERNSHIP

WBL (WORK-BASED LEARNING) connects skilled, knowledgeable and driven students to local businesses every year. Students who participate in the Workforce Ready program and have been selected to participate in WBL will leave school early to work with our fantastic business partners. Benefits to students include a chance to put skills learned in the classroom to use in an authentic setting, getting a competitive advantage on their career and networking with industry leading professionals all while still in high school. www.hallcowbl.org

CAREER TECH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CTSOs: Students in this pathway can join and benefit from any of the incredible CTSOs offered in Hall County Schools. Each organization offers students the chance to develop and sharpen leadership, teamwork and work ethic skills through a variety of avenues including regional and state competitions.

CTSO choices include: Career Technical Instruction (CTI); Association of Marketing Students (DECA); Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); FFA; Future Georgia Educators (FGE); Future Healthcare Professionals (HOSA); Audio/Visual, Construction, Cosmetology, Graphics, Healthcare, HVAC, Metals, Transportation (SkillsUSA); and Technology Student Organization (TSA).

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Veterinarian
- Food Scientist
- Plumber
- Electrician
- Videographer
- Film Editor
- Graphic Designer
- Graphic Artist
- Entrepreneur
- Accountant
- Nutritionist
- Preschool Director
- School Administrator
- Elected Official
- Lawyer
- Physical Therapist
- Physician
- Chef
- Hotel Manager
- Hair Stylist
- Video Game Designer
- Computer Programmer
- Website Designer
- Corrections Officer
- Forensic Pathologist
- Machine Operator
- Robotics Engineer
- Social Media Marketer
- Sports Agent
- Mechanical Engineer
- Biotechnician
- Mechanic
- Logistics Manager

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**CAREER PATHWAY - PLAN OF STUDY**

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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS**

4 Units **Must Include:**
- 9th Grade Literature & American Literature

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

3 Units **Must Include:**
- World History, US History, Government & Economics

**MATHEMATICS**

4 Units **Must Include:**
- GSE Algebra I, GSE Geometry & GSE Algebra II
- One additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course
- OR
- GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Analytic Geometry A, GSE Accelerated Geometry B/Algebra II, GSE Precalculus
- One additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

**SCIENCE**

4 Units **Must Include:**
- Physical Science or Physics; Biology;
- Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or AP/IB course
- One additional Science course

**HEALTH & PERSONAL FITNESS**

1 Unit **Must Include:**
- 1/2 unit of each

**CAREER, TECHNICAL & AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (CTAE)**

3 Units **Must Include:**
- Introduction to Career Competencies, Career Competencies, Advanced Career Competencies

**ELECTIVES**

4 Units

*Students planning to attend most post-secondary institutions must take 2 units of the same modern language.

**TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED**

23 Units

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**PERSONAL APTITUDES**

**ACTIVITIES THAT DESCRIBE WHAT I LIKE TO DO:**

- Communicate with different types of people.
- Build things with your hands.
- Assist people with problems.
- Direct & plan activities for others.
- Handle several responsibilities at once.
- Learn new things.
- Work outside and enjoy nature.

**PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT DESCRIBE ME:**

- Friendly
- Decision maker
- Creative
- Innovative/Inquisitive
- Driven/Ambitious

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**PATHWAY TO FUTURE CAREER OPTIONS**

### HIGH SCHOOL

Pathway Courses
- Introduction to Career Competencies
- Career Competencies
- Advanced Career Competencies

Capstone
- WBL Internship
- Dual Enrollment

### POST-SECONDARY

Technical College
- Certificate
- Diploma Program
- Degree Program

4 Year College/University
- Bachelor Degree
- Masters Degree
- Graduate Studies

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**WANT MORE INFORMATION ON YOU?**

YouScience is the science of YOU – how your mind is wired, what makes you tick, the skills and knowledge that set you apart. You have talent and there’s a path that’s right for you – we can help you find it.

Login to Infinite Campus and locate the SLDS Portal link on the left. Once logged in, click on “My Career Plan” then choose “Go to YouScience”.

**WHAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL MATTERS**

You’re learning skills and knowledge that can make you a qualified candidate for in-demand careers. Industry-recognized certifications, available to all pathway students, are great signals to employers that you have the skills they’re looking for. Certifications help validate what you know, so other people know, that you know it.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact your CTAE teacher, WBL Coordinator or School Counselor

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