

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Open House

TV Production · Yearbook · Digital Discoveries

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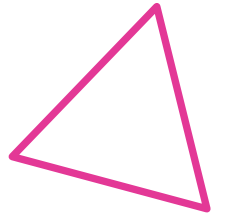


Welcome!

Every class you'll hear about on this pdf is built the same way: hands-on, project-based, and connected to real careers. Students don't just learn about technology and media; they create, publish, and problem-solve with it every day.

Across all five courses we come back to the same values: creativity, responsibility, collaboration, and pride in producing quality work.

Questions are welcome any time.



COURSES

 **TV Production**

 **Yearbook**

 **Digital Discoveries: Grade 6**

 **Digital Discoveries: Grade 7**

 **Digital Discoveries: Grade 8**

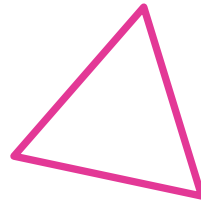
TV Production & Yearbook

Students step into the world of media production and storytelling: planning, creating, and publishing content while building skills in photography, videography, graphic design, writing, and editing.

Hands-on projects build real-world communication and technology skills as students contribute to meaningful school-wide publications and productions.

Routines & Procedures

- Begin class with a quick start-up task and check project deadlines
- Use computers, cameras, and equipment responsibly, return all items properly
- Work collaboratively and respectfully with classmates on creative projects
- Save work, clean up, and remain in assigned seat until dismissal



Grading

TV Production & Yearbook

30%

Formative Assessments / Classwork

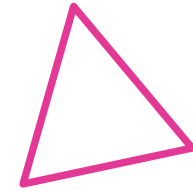
Assignments, attendance, workdays, time-on-task in class, and overall effort.

70%

Summative Assessments / Projects

The actual product for our school: news show or yearbook: writing, video/photography, design, editor duties, leadership.

Grades are earned through producing quality work, revisions included. Communication and teamwork count, too.



Digital Discoveries: Grades 6, 7 & 8

One pathway, three years: computer science and career exploration taught together in a single daily class.

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Code & AI

CodeHS-based coding that deepens every year, from foundations and web design to data, programming, and AI. There will be additional lessons, programs, etc. that will be used as well.

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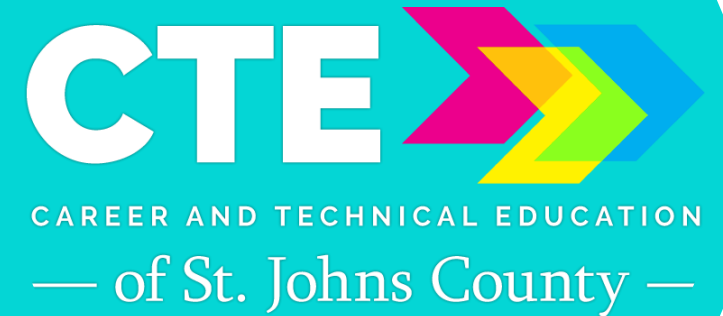
Career Exploration

Xello threads through every grade, building toward each student's personalized academic & career plan by 8th grade.

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Industry Certifications

Students work toward real digital-tool credentials as part of the course, grade by grade.



See your child's grade level on the pages below for the specifics.

Digital Discoveries: Grades 6, 7 & 8

Digital Discoveries: Key Routines & Procedures

Be Ready to Learn: Enter, get seated, and begin the posted warm-up.

Use Technology Responsibly: Use only assigned devices, accounts, and websites allowed by teacher.

Follow Directions: Listen during instruction and follow step-by-step directions.

Stay on Task: Use class technology for learning and remain on assigned websites/apps.

Ask for Help: Try the directions/resources first, then ask the teacher when needed.

Respect Others: Use appropriate language, collaborate positively, and respect classmates' and their work.

Take Care of Equipment: Handle computers, computer equipment, headphones, and other equipment carefully.

Submit & Save Work: Students are responsible for saving and submitting assignments correctly.

End-of-Class Routine: Save work, clean the workspace, return equipment, and wait at assigned seat to be dismissed.



See your child's grade level on the pages below for the specifics.

Digital Discoveries: Grade 6

A year-long blended course: Digital Discoveries (FLDOE #0200021) and Career Research (#1700060) in one daily class.

SEMESTER 1

- Coding fundamentals with Karel & Tracy (CodeHS)
- Internet, cybersecurity & digital citizenship
- Career interest & values self-assessment (Xello)

Working toward: Cybersecurity Essentials certification

SEMESTER 2

- Exploring & creating with AI (CodeHS Intro to AI)
- Career clusters, postsecondary pathways & decision-making (Xello)
- Building toward the personalized Academic & Career Plan

Working toward: Presentation Essentials certification

Every 6th grader is targeted to earn both digital-tool certifications this year.

Grading

6th Grade Digital Discoveries

30%

Formative / Classwork

- CodeHS practice
- Xello activities
- Assignments
- Participation & effort

70%

Summative / Projects

- Cybersecurity & Presentation projects
- Coding & AI projects
- Certification exam performance (Cybersecurity & Presentation)
- Career-plan deliverables (Xello)

Grades are earned through producing quality work, revisions included. Effort and participation count, too.

Digital Discoveries: Grade 7

A year-long blended course: Digital Discoveries (FLDOE #0200022) and Career Clusters (#8000400) in one daily class.

SEMESTER 1

- Deeper coding: loops, functions & decomposition (Karel & Tracy, CodeHS)
- Internet, cybersecurity & digital citizenship
- Exploring Florida's 17 career clusters & CTSOs

Working toward: Communications Essentials certification

SEMESTER 2

- Creative coding, game design & web design (HTML/CSS)
- Data & spreadsheets: data storytelling
- Continued career clusters + beginning leadership skills

Working toward: Web Design Essentials certification

Grading

7th Grade Digital Discoveries

30%

Formative / Classwork

- CodeHS practice
- Career cluster activities
- Assignments
- Participation & effort

70%

Summative / Projects

- Coding & web design projects
- Certification exam performance (Communications & Web Design)
- Capstone career-cluster website

Grades are earned through producing quality work, revisions included. Effort and participation count, too.

Digital Discoveries: Grade 8

A year-long blended course: Digital Discoveries (FLDOE #0200023) paired with Career Planning (#9100110).

SEMESTER 1

- Deep programming with Tracy: sequence, selection, iteration, functions
- Capstone: On-Screen Calculator project
- Self-understanding, cognitive skills & career research

Working toward: Programming & Logic Essentials certification

SEMESTER 2

- Computing, digital citizenship, data & spreadsheets
- Internet, emerging technology & AI
- Finalizing the personalized Academic & Career Plan

Working toward: Spreadsheet Essentials certification

Grading

8th Grade Digital Discoveries

30%

Formative / Classwork

- CodeHS practice
- Career planning activities
- Assignments
- Participation & effort

70%

Summative / Projects

- Programming & spreadsheet projects
- Certification exam performance (Logic/Programming & Spreadsheets)
- Data project

Grades are earned through producing quality work, revisions included. Effort and participation count, too.



Thank You for your time!

Questions about any of these courses are always welcome.

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Also launching this year: Middle School FBLA and SOAR (STEM • Occupational • Awareness • Readiness): ask me for details!

