

CAREER, TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

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ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Karen-Ann Norton is actively involved with her students in hands on projects in the greenhouse, garden, and taking care of livestock that the program is raising. Students have the opportunity to compete individually or on teams in district, regional and state competitions as well as to attend the state and national FFA Conventions. Last year, students were able to compete at the state level. Individuals also placed well at the Florida State Fair and many of our students participated with excellence in the Suwannee River Fair and Livestock Show.

Students may pursue certification through the Florida Farm Bureau's industry certification as a Certified Agricultural Technician. Students are strongly encouraged to take the course *Digital Information Technology* with Mrs. Petrone for practical application in agribusiness. They have the opportunity to earn an industry certification from this class as well that can be articulated for college credit.

ACADEMY OF WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Charlie Driggers is the welding teacher and was excited to join our career and technical education department 3 years ago. He has made some changes to the shop and classroom and brings years of practical welding experience with him and hopes to continue to certify many students in the American Welding Society industry certification.

ACADEMY OF BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

The Academy of Business technology will change the name to the Academy of Information Technology starting the 2016-2017 school year. Changes with our academy include adding a t-shirt printer for graphics and Mrs. Carol Petrone has made curriculum changes to allow our students more opportunities for Industry certification in graphic arts and web design leading to rewarding careers. Our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter successfully competed in regional and state competitions this year. Mrs. Petrone will continue to teach *Digital Information Technology* which is a prerequisite class for the Academy of Business Technology and allow students the opportunity to obtain industry certifications in Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. As students advance through the web design program, students can obtain two more certifications. All the certification in the web design program are on the statewide articulation agreement and depended on the student's college major, all three certifications can lead to college credit. The Academy of Information Technology is pleased to announce that a Technology Support program that will teach our students how to repair computers, tablets and other pieces of technology on campus. We are also introducing a computer program elective as a lead into the AP Computer Science Principles course. We are pleased to announce Ms. Michele burke will teach these classes and will be joining the Academy of Information Technology this August.

ACADEMY OF HEALTH RELATED CAREERS

Mrs. Jennifer Driggers is the new health science teacher and will be carrying on the tradition of excellence established in our Academy of Health Related Careers. Students will continue to pursue industry certification by obtaining their Certified Nursing Assistance license and dual enrollment opportunities that offer the option to get certified in phlebotomy and other areas. Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) is the student organization that provides students the opportunity for practical application of skills learned by competing in regional, state and national competitions.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE OPERATIONS PROGRAM

Criminal Justice Operations taught by Mr. Joshua O'Neal, who has had practical experience as a Dixie County Sheriff Officer. Mr. O'Neal involves students in hands on projects that make the classes appealing to students. Students are encouraged to take the *Digital Information Technology* course with Mrs. Petrone. This course provides the opportunity for certification in Microsoft Office Word, Excel and PowerPoint which provides practical skills for Criminal Justice careers. The public Service industry certification can be obtained in the fourth year of this program.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION

Our newest certification is Unmanned Aircraft Certification through an articulation agreement between Dixie District Schools and the Gaetz Aerospace Institute of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Coursework and instruction are provided by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and is overseen by Mr. Sanil Somakumar.

ADULT EDUCATION GED CLASSES

GED Classes will be offered in Cross City and Old Town at a cost of \$35 per term:

Cross City

Dixie County High School Business Lab (Behind the DCHS Cafeteria)

Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Old Town

Dixie County Old Town Education Complex Building 7

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

You may register and pay for GED classes at the site most convenient for you. Please bring a check, cash, or money order, your Social Security card, and valid Florida State ID (i.e. Drivers License or State ID.) If you are between the ages of 16 and 18 you will need a parent/guardian present to register. Please call 498-6454 for additional information as needed.

WELDING CLASSES

Cross City

Dixie County High School Welding Shop

Class meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Earn state certification in SMAW, MIG, and TIG welding. You could earn certification that could lead to jobs paying \$8.00 to \$16.00 per hour.

Please bring a valid Florida State ID (i.e. Driver's License or State ID) and your Social Security Card on the first night of class to register. The fee is \$2.33 per credit hour. The fee may be split into payments but must be paid in complete by the first month. For students beginning at a later date, contact Mr. Charlie Driggers, Welding teacher, for further information. A minimum of 10 students is required.

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SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Dixie District School system is always looking for volunteers to assist our schools. Volunteers are a vital part of our districts ability to better serve our students. You may obtain an application from Mrs. Janet Fowler at the ISB office. In accordance with state law you must also undergo a background check.