

Every student should explore career technical classes that open doors & minds

From computer technology to auto mechanics; health care to teaching; and marketing to accounting, our Career & Technical Education (CTE) classes offer insights that **every one of our Knights** should experience.

The **outdated notion** that students (especially highly capable ones) should take only **Advanced Placement (AP)** courses can keep our students from experiencing the rich resource we have in CTE. These courses **develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills** along with many important social-emotional (SEL) skills. Students with those SEL skills show higher rates of success in college and career.

Every family should be looking at CTE courses as an element of their student's high school plan. Here's a **few of the reasons why**:

- The hands-on experience of CTE often propels college-bound students into **upper-level courses and campus research opportunities**.
- Several of these courses of study allow students to go **from high school graduation to \$80,000/year jobs**, especially the CISCO networking certificate program we host at Newport. One junior this year already has a job waiting for him at graduation.
- The real-world opportunities allow students to refine and demonstrate communication, teamwork, and problem-solving **skills that accelerate their initial job experiences at college graduation**.
- CTE classes help students **explore the possibilities in various career tracks** in marketing, business administration, hospitality management, and construction fields (and more). That exposure helps students select the best college for their specific interests and helps students **pursue a more refined, direct, and often quicker college of course of study**.
- Students interested in computer, engineering, and other science and math careers can **explore the curriculum and responsibilities of these careers** in ways that help them shape their futures along **paths where they will both excel and enjoy their work**.
- For a small fee, students can apply for college credit for many of these courses. (see page 6 of the attached January 2020 CTE newsletter).

These are just a few examples. **Every Newport student, regardless of GPA or post-high-school plans should explore CTE courses.**