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Tour of West Georgia Tech shows possible career path for students

LaGrange, Ga., November 30, 2021 – Preparing for the future, students in Troup County were able to preview the college experience.

The Troup County Career Center also known TC3, requested that three base high schools (Callaway, LaGrange and Troup) identify 10th grade students as potential candidates for Option B. Option B is an alternate path to a high school diploma. This unique dual enrollment program allows students to earn two technical certificates in one of several eligible career pathways, a technical diploma or an associate degree while simultaneously completing the nine required high school courses to earn a high school diploma. Some of the Option B paths include Welding, Precision Manufacturing, Automotive, HVAC and Early Childhood Education.

Those students were offered a guided tour of several programs offered at West Georgia Technical College on Wednesday, November 17. Each school selected about 10 students. TC3 also sent four students.

Although the students were mainly touring through departments with certificates that could be completed in 2 semesters, several students also showed interest in Option A programs, such as Cosmetology or Criminal Justice. According to the Georgia Department of Education, Option A is the largest of the Dual Enrollment programs. Option A students will complete the state required 23 credits to graduate as well as the required End of Course Assessments. Some graduation requirements will be completed through dual enrollment courses taken on a college campus, high school campus or online.

TC3 is the system hub for Option B students, identifying students who are interested, then getting them to pass the ACCUPLACER the entrance exam for community and technical colleges. TC3 is offering the ACCUPLACER to interested students on Dec. 9th.

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troupp.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.