

»»» NEWSLETTER «««

DYERSBURG CITY SCHOOLS CTE

A Tradition of Excellence

DCS CTE: WHERE YOU ARE GIVEN ROOTS TO GROW AND WINGS TO FLY.

DCS = COLLABORATION! FOUR SCHOOLS. ONE DIRECTION!

At Dyersburg City Schools, every school is aligned toward one common goal: preparing students for life after graduation. From Pre-K through high school, our teachers and programs work together to ensure students continue building on the skills and knowledge they learned at the previous school level. This intentional collaboration creates a strong foundation for student success, helping every child grow academically, socially, and professionally as they prepare for their future.



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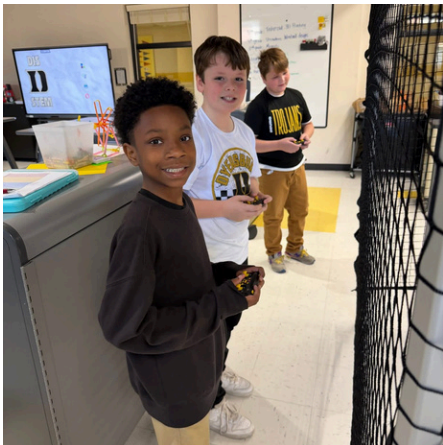
CTE FOR ALL STUDENTS. ACROSS ALL GRADES.

EXPLORE HOW DCS STARTS CTE EDUCATION IN 3-5

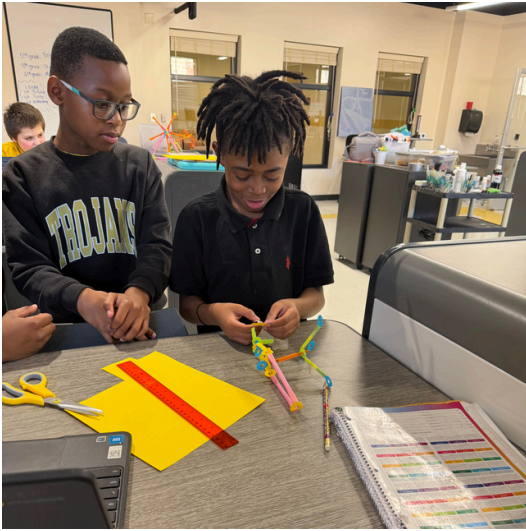
»»» DYERSBURG INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Dyersburg Intermediate School is paving the way for student success with our innovative Career Clubs program, starting as early as 3rd grade! Through this one-of-a-kind experience, students explore a variety of career pathways by choosing several clubs to participate in each year through 5th grade. From agriculture to robotics, cooking to journalism, and everything in between, every club is led by our talented teachers and staff, giving students a creative outlet and real-world inspiration during the week. Our mission is to plant seeds for the future, encouraging post-secondary education through college or technical school, or preparing students to step confidently into the workforce. By providing hands-on opportunities and personal mentorship, we're helping every child grow, discover their passions, and flourish in their own way and time.

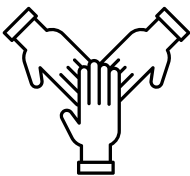
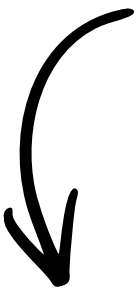
- AGRICULTURE
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- COOKING
- COSMETOLOGY
- CRAFTING
- DANCE
- DETECTIVE CLUB
- DRAMA
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- FASHION DESIGNING
- FUTURE TEACHER
- GARDENING
- JOURNALISM
- JR. MEDICAL CLUB
- KINDNESS
- MARKETING
- MUSIC PRODUCTION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- RADIO
- ROBOTICS
- SAFETY
- SIGN MAKING/CALLIGRAPHY
- SPANISH
- SPORTS BROADCASTING
- STEM
- TRAVEL ACADEMY
- WOOD WORKING
- YOGA



Fourth and fifth grade STEM students recently explored renewable energy sources while learning about how TVA generates and distributes electricity across the Tennessee Valley region. Throughout the unit, students investigated the benefits of renewable energy by designing and building their own windmills, water turbines, and solar circuits. Through hands-on activities and engineering challenges, students discovered how wind, water, and sunlight can be transformed into usable energy while also learning the importance of conservation and innovation in powering our communities.



Check out the collaboration!



DIS students created aprons for the DHS Muffin Top Cafe!



➤➤➤ DMS STEM

The Kellan Project is nearing the finish line, and what an incredible journey it has been! Recently, the Dyersburg High School STEM students brought over the latest version of the custom dodgeball launcher for Kellan to test and enjoy. Seeing months of creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork come to life has been exciting for everyone involved. The launcher is working great, and the only thing left before the project is officially complete is the final version of the mount for Kellan's wheelchair. We are so proud of our students for using their skills to make a meaningful difference and create something that will bring joy and opportunity to another student.



➤➤➤ DMS DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS

Students in the DMS Digital Media Arts program have spent the year learning and sharpening their creative and technical skills through a variety of hands-on projects. As their confidence has grown, many students have also begun taking the initiative to develop projects of their own, showcasing their creativity and passion for digital media. From photography and video production to graphic design and storytelling, these students are constantly finding new ways to express themselves and capture moments around campus. You never know where you might spot a DMS student with a camera in hand, ready to create something amazing!



It has been an exciting season for DMS Agriculture students! The DMS greenhouse sale was a huge success, giving students the opportunity to watch months of hard work literally come to life as their plants and flowers continued to grow and flourish. Throughout the process, students learned valuable lessons in patience, teamwork, responsibility, and the importance of dedication. In addition, several DMS FFA members were recently recognized during the end-of-year FFA Banquet for their outstanding accomplishments during show season and at the National FFA Organization state convention. Their success is a reflection of the commitment and passion these students bring to the agriculture program each day.



➤➤➤ DHS JOURNALISM

Over the last few weeks, the journalists on the Trojan Torch staff have been busy taking great photos, writing amazing stories, and working on special projects. Students have not only produced online content and their regular print issue, but the seniors worked especially hard getting together a special "Senior Edition" highlighting all of their memories of DHS, and senior Addi Lloyd coordinated with other students to create a Special Edition Literary and Art magazine which published the awesome talent of some of Dyersburg City Schools' finest budding artists. Poems, short stories, photographs, and drawings give a small taste of what our student body is capable of accomplishing.



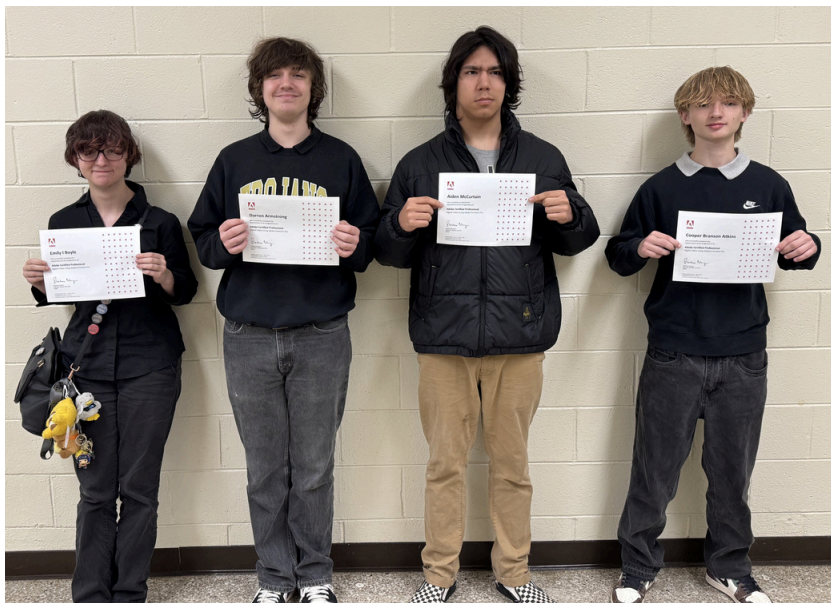
➤➤➤ DHS NURSING

Congratulations to Katie Strayhorn, D'Quarte Rivers, & Natreanah Wallace on passing the Phlebotomy Exam!! Also congratulations to Katie and D'Quarte on passing all three certification exams (PCT, EKG, and Phlebotomy).



➤➤➤ DHS A/V PRODUCTION

A/V Production I students have finished their second project of the year by designing and developing a video about a study late for school. Throughout filming, students had to show knowledge of the various types of cuts and angles by using each at least once throughout the video. After the completion of this project, students began learning how to work the various types of audio equipment. Using this knowledge, students will now use microphones on their 3rd project of the year, an interview video. Students will choose one adult to interview to showcase their knowledge of using microphones and b-roll footage.



A/V Production II students completed their certification exam with 5 students passing the exam becoming Adobe Premiere Pro Professionals. For their final project of the year, students have been working with local businesses and industries to create a video thanking them for their support of Dyersburg High School. These videos will be played throughout next year during games and events.



➤➤➤ DHS ACCOUNTING

Students in both accounting classes recently had the opportunity to hear from Jason Leonard, Cost Accounting Manager at ERMCO, as he shared insight into careers in the finance world. Mr. Leonard spoke about his college experience, career path, and the opportunities available in accounting and finance-related fields. His real-world perspective gave students a valuable look into the skills and experiences needed for success in today's business industry.



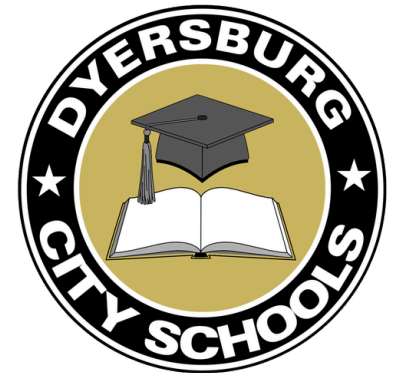
»»» DHS AG

The Dyersburg High School FFA wrapped up another outstanding year of competition and achievement with several students earning top honors at the state level. The DHS Parliamentary Procedure Team earned an impressive third-place finish in the state, while four DHS students received their prestigious State FFA Degrees in recognition of their hard work and dedication. In addition, Ann Thomas Lowery was selected as the West Tennessee Star in Agribusiness and was elected to serve as the West Tennessee Vice President, an incredible accomplishment that reflects her leadership and passion for agriculture.



»»» DHS STEM

The Kellan Project is almost complete! Recently, Dyersburg High School STEM students visited the University of Tennessee at Martin to troubleshoot and improve their custom dodgeball launcher designed for Kellan, a middle school student who uses a wheelchair. This collaborative project between DMS and DHS STEM students has combined creativity, engineering, and compassion to help make Kellan's dream of playing dodgeball a reality. The final step is completing the wheelchair mount before the project is officially finished.



WEST TN COLLABORATION

Dyersburg High School recently had the opportunity to host the West Tennessee Pathways Network, bringing together educational and industry partners from Dyersburg, Haywood, Lauderdale, and Milan. This collaboration is focused on connecting classroom learning to real-world career opportunities in fields such as Mechatronics, Engineering, Industrial Maintenance, and Machining. We were excited to meet with local employers, community stakeholders, and partners from SCORE and Education Systems Group who are helping lead this important work. Together, these partnerships continue to create meaningful opportunities and brighter futures for our students and the entire region.



MEET OUR TEACHERS

At Dyersburg City Schools, our CTE teachers are shaping tomorrow's leaders and preparing students for success in school, careers, and life. Through hands-on learning, real-world projects, and guidance every step of the way, they are equipping students with the skills, confidence, and vision to make our community stronger and our future brighter.

Dyersburg Intermediate School

- Andrea Davis- Money Matters
- Brenda Gibson- STEM
- Yuketa Hall- Career Exploration
- Alicia Hopgood- Smart and Safe
- Tim Strayhorn- AG

Dyersburg Middle School

- Chris Dishman- Digital Media Arts
- Mari Kate Estes- Career Exploration
- Melissa Lowery- AG
- Trinia Roy- STEM

College Street Campus

- Kellie Horner



Dyersburg High School

- Vanessa Anderson- Computer Science
- Lynsey Butler- AG
- Seth Coleman- STEM
- Brandon Estes-JAG
- Joseph Hardin- Advanced Manufacturing
- Erik Larson- Criminal Justice
- Angela Lee- Nursing Education
- Melissa Lowery-AG
- Blaine Mahaffey- JAG
- Tom Mathis- JAG
- Jamie Reynolds- Marketing, TAP
- TJ VanDyke- Journalism
- Julie Walker- Accounting
- Trevor Yarbrough-A/V Production