Overview of Programs

The Center for Technology and Engineering (CTE) at Conyers Middle School (CMS) has developed since 2015 a comprehensive and unique approach to educational pathways for students by offering advanced abilities and outcomes in Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, and Mathematics. Innovative and rigorous academic instruction by specially trained and certified teachers drives teaching and learning.

Engineering & Technology (Aerospace & Robotics), Computer Science, Audio Visual Technology

The Center for Technology and Engineering includes multiple pathways – Aerospace Engineering, Robotics, Computer Science, AV Technology – which provide clear educational and career pathways for middle school students with connecting pathways at the high school level. The program provides enhanced opportunities for the inquisitive student who is looking for an adventure in exploration and discovery. Students have numerous opportunities to gain exposure to today’s innovations through a customized DOE approved curriculum. Students enjoy opportunities to participate in a variety of field trips and learning activities to keep them challenged and inspired.

Specifically, the Engineering & Technology pathways at Conyers Middle School are designed to help students build a strong knowledge base and develop skills related to engineering and technology industries including local and federal safety issues, aerospace careers, video production careers, transportation components, tools and equipment, current and alternative fuel sources, oral and written communication, and related physical science principles.

Our new partnership with Faithful Guardian Aviation provides students with exposure to flight using two existing state-of-the-art Redbird TD2 FAA approved flight simulators and a 25-seat Microsoft Flight Simulator Lab with joystick flight controls. Using this exciting technology, students can select their own missions and aircraft types to work at their own pace in a student-centered, student-driven curriculum.

In addition, we have a Drone Flight Lab with embedded curriculum that teaches students the basics of drone flight, adherence to FAA regulations, and the requirements to obtain a commercial FAA Drone Pilot License.

Additional enrichment activities include participation in our local Civil Air Patrol Squadron (membership is voluntary), field trips to visit our partners such as Delta Airlines and Middle Georgia State College. In addition, CTE students may attend the Delta Airlines sponsored National Flight Academy in Pensacola, FL, each summer and purchase weekend flight lessons from Faithful Guardian (not RCPS-sponsored).

CTE Sponsors and Partners-In-Education

Application, Eligibility, and Lottery

RCPS will use an electronic application process for 2023-2024 School Choice programs. No paper applications will be accepted. Students may apply for one School Choice program only for the 2023-2024 school year.

The application window is November 11 through 5 p.m., December 9, 2022, to apply for the 2023-2024 school year. The online application will be available on the district website at: rockdaleschools.org

Only completed applications will be accepted for consideration.

Eligibility Criteria

• Students must meet standards in ELA, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies on the Milestones assessment. If Milestones results are not available, other assessment data may be considered.

• Students must meet the student registration requirements for Rockdale County Public Schools.

• Students and parents must agree to the Choice contract.

Lottery

In the event there are more eligible applicants than space available, students will be selected via a random lottery drawing. If needed, a lottery will be held in January.

Email: rcpsinfo@rockdale.k12.ga.us
A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the Center for Technology & Engineering (CTE), a strong community of learners.

The world is ever evolving and the employment competition is far-reaching. Conyers Middle School is positioned and prepared to assure that our learners are able to advance in a world of careers awaiting to be created. In fact, our students will create careers yet to be imagined! In both theory and practice, the future of our country depends on the students of today. Our vision begins with our students. Through an intentional lifeline connection with our district strategic plan which serves as the heartbeat of our mission and as the compass for our direction, the CTE boasts amazing academies staffed with highly qualified and industry certified educators and a comprehensive curriculum.

Situated on the beautiful campus of Conyers Middle School in the heart of Conyers, Georgia, the Center for Technology & Engineering, a renovated and reimagined facility, is a platform of opportunity built around one common purpose – your child’s success. The CTE fosters an environment focused on innovation, technology, and engineering. Working independently and in collaborative teams, students will complete rigorous, real-world assignments and projects that prepare them for post-secondary ambitions. Elective courses will include computer science and engineering design. Hallmarks of the CTE are a competitive robotics programs and NASA Explorer School partnership. Under the pillars of student leadership and governance, we will develop college and career-ready, global learners who will use industry-leading technology to solve problems while gaining skills in communication, collaboration, critical-thinking, and creativity.

As an investor in learning, we invite you to partner with us and share your time, talent, and resources to assist us as we work together to realize Dr. Seuss’ vision of “Oh, the places they can go!” The Center is a place of active learning, where all stakeholders work together to encourage students to become enthusiastic lifelong learners who daily model our belief that excellence is the standard.

Come grow with us as we engineer excellence!

Dr. De’borah D. Reese, Principal

CMS Accolades
Lighthouse School to Watch
NASA Explorer School

Exploratory and Extracurricular Activities
Odyssey of the Mind
4-H Club
Civil Air Patrol
Chess Club
Drama Club
Interact Club
Intramurals
National Junior Beta Club
National Junior Honor Society
Robotics Club
Science Olympiad
Student Council
Technology Student Association (TSA)
Yearbook Club

Additional Academic Services
AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
Program Challenge

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