

Georgia Power's Learning Power Program Connects DCHS Students to Future Careers

This week, approximately **240 students** enrolled in Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) programs at Dade County High School had the opportunity to experience **Learning Power**, a statewide educational initiative sponsored by Georgia Power that emphasizes science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Through the program, Mr. Camden Wallace, Education Coordinator with Georgia Power's Education and Workforce Development Department, brought engaging, hands-on lessons to DCHS that were specifically aligned with CTAE courses offered at the school. Students participating in the experience represented a variety of programs, including Business and Technology, Nutrition and Food Science, Mechatronics, Healthcare Science, Construction, and Electrical.

The Learning Power program helps students connect classroom instruction with real-world careers by demonstrating how the skills they are developing today can lead to future opportunities. Students gained a better understanding of industry expectations, explored career pathways, and saw firsthand how businesses and schools work together to prepare young people for success after graduation.

Experiences like Learning Power make education more meaningful by allowing students to see the relevance of what they are learning. The program supports Georgia Standards of Excellence while providing memorable, career-focused learning opportunities that encourage students to think about their future goals and the many possibilities available to them.

Georgia Power's Learning Power program is just one example of the strong partnerships that exist between Dade County High School's CTAE Department and the local business community. Through collaborations with over 50 business and industry partners, DCHS students have access to experiences that extend far beyond the classroom, including career exploration, guest speakers, advisory committees, work-based learning opportunities, and industry connections.

These partnerships benefit everyone involved. Students gain valuable knowledge and experiences, local businesses help develop a future workforce, and the entire community benefits from a generation of young people who are better prepared for college, careers, and life after high school.

Career and Technical Education continues to play an important role in Dade County by building relationships, creating opportunities, and helping students discover pathways to successful futures. Programs like Learning Power demonstrate what can happen when schools and industry work together for the benefit of students, families, businesses, and the community as a whole.