Landstown High School  
Governor’s STEM Academy Modeling and Simulation Pathway

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ABSTRACT

In 2001 Landstown High School was identified by the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Board of Education as the school divisions “Technology Academy” with a charge to offer the students of Virginia Beach state of the art educational opportunities within the fields of Entrepreneurship, Information Technology and Engineering. The Landstown High School Governor’s STEM Academy in Virginia Beach, Virginia was created by the Virginia State Board of Education in 2012.

The Virginia State Board of Education originally approved the STEM Academy with one pathway, Engineering, that would operate separate from the local technology based academy programs, and upon completion of the Engineering pathway, award each student completing the highly rigorous program a highly coveted Governor’s Seal on their diploma. It quickly became evident that additional Governor’s STEM Engineering based pathways would be required to meet the needs of the industry that the Virginia Educational system, and Virginia Beach City Public Schools, serves. Through the 2012-13 school year data was collected to determine the pathway that would be submitted to expand the offerings at Landstown Governor’s STEM Academy. This paper/presentation will report on the progress of the Landstown Governor’s STEM Academy’s Modeling and Simulation Pathway.

This paper/presentation will present a framework for other school divisions wishing to establish a high school based Modeling and Simulation Pathway for their students in grades 9-12. The establishment of a framework that can be replicated is critical to the expansion of Modeling and Simulation as a course elective at the high school level.

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BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

Landstown High School currently houses the Virginia Beach City Public Schools’ (VBCPS) Technology Academy. The Technology Academy at Landstown High School began operation, in conjunction with the opening of the new comprehensive high school, in the fall of 2001 as a school-within-a-school concept. For the past 15 years, the Technology Academy has provided an innovative learning environment designed for students to acquire skills needed in higher education, in the workplace, and in emerging technology fields. The program’s focus has been to prepare students for advancement to institutions of higher education, advanced technology training, or entry-level jobs.

Due to the variety of interests of a diverse population within the school, as well as the varied employment opportunities available to the students, the program consists of three major areas of focus: Engineering and Technology, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, and Business and Information Technology. Within these expanded programs of study students are provided with choices to address their interests, abilities, and skills required for future employment. Students may pursue one, two, or three of these programs based on their needs/interests. In conjunction with each program, students are enrolled in an honors-level English curriculum that infuses technical writing and technology. The courses offered within each of the program areas are approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses and lead to various industry certifications and CTE completer status.

Approximately 400 students attend the Technology Academy each year. The graduating class is typically between 90 and 100 students per year. Traditionally this group of graduates is awarded well over one million dollars in scholarship monies to invest in furthering their education.

RATIONALE

Since the inception of the existing program in 2001, the Technology Academy has evolved to meet the growing needs of students as mandated by industry and higher education. We intend to continue expansion of our program to address the demands of the 21st-century student and the world that awaits them through the Governor’s STEM Academy. The original rationale for the Technology Academy program in 2001 was based on the emphasis that the existing and future work force must be prepared to meet the challenges posed by technology (e.g., maximizing efficient use of technology and increasing global awareness). The same reasoning is apparent today with a greater
emphasis on specialization and STEM-related fields. Although the statistics today vary greatly from those of a
decade ago, the demand still exists. Names may have changed, but certainly not the compelling nature of the need.

According to the K–12 STEM Ed Report Card published by the Alliance for Science & Technology Research in
America, the Commonwealth of Virginia will need to fill 404,000 STEM-related jobs by 2018. Virginia is one of
four states that will lead the nation in the share of total jobs in the area of information technology and marketing
career clusters as reported in the most recent Georgetown University Career Clusters forecast for 2008–2018 by the
Center for Education and the Workforce. The introduction of specialized fields such as nanotechnology, advanced
manufacturing, biotechnology, chemical engineering, geospatial technology, just to name a few, has broadened the
scope of areas to address. With continuously evolving technical innovations and the global expansion of its many
applications, students today need carefully designed programs of study that allow them to focus their intellectual
development in particular fields.

Our Hampton Roads region currently identifies six major technology industry clusters, namely aerospace,
bioscience, coastal energy, modeling and simulation, robotics and unmanned systems, and sensors. Technology
developments will require that students not only be prepared to face current demands, but be able to quickly adapt to
new ones. Critical thinking and problem-solving are necessary skills, as is flexibility. In previous years, it was
thought that basic exposure to these fields in the high school setting would suffice. The past decade has shown that
more is needed. In the April 2007 STEM Workforce Challenge report, prepared for the U.S. Department of Labor
by Jobs for the Future, it was noted that “… our nation needs to increase the supply and quality of ‘knowledge
workers’ whose specialized skills enable them to work productively within the STEM industries and occupations. It
will not be sufficient to target baccalaureate and advanced degree holders in STEM fields.” Our challenge at the
secondary level is to provide students with not only the current industry-related skills, but to equip them to adjust to
the advancing requisites of today’s world. According to Deloitte and the Manufacturing Institute’s recent report on
talent in the manufacturing industry, “Over the past five years, most manufacturers have redesigned and streamlined
their production lines while implementing more process automation. In short, as the industry has changed, the
nature of work that it requires is changing as well.”

As an existing technology-based academy program, the challenge is designing not only classes, but sequences of
studies, that will meet the future needs of our students in specific career pathways. They must have the problem-
solving and communication skills necessary for the demands of the workplace now and in the immediate future. It
is imperative that they have opportunities to participate in hands-on, project-based learning. Part of their assessment
process must offer them the prospect of earning industry certification credentials. Students should be able to partake
of on-the-job training and mentoring to provide them with real-life experiences. The curriculum that is delivered in
the classroom must emphasize and address these emerging needs.
The classroom environment must also model the future workplace. Rigor and relevance are no longer words to define where instruction should go, but rather where it must be. More importantly, these terms do not just apply to those who are identified as academically-high achievers, but for all students. The teachers who provide this instruction must be qualified not only in content delivery, but in its application. Additionally, the staff must be knowledgeable on how to advise their students about career pathways and higher education offerings. The author of the article, “Advancing the STEM Workforce through STEM-centric Career Development,” states, “Only through integration of academic and career and technical education are students best served.” The current Technology Academy program offered at Landstown High School merges the best of both worlds, affording our students multiple opportunities to obtain the technical skills and knowledge base that will be required for the 21st-century learner/worker while pursuing his or her studies at the high school level.

**EXPANSION PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR’S STEM ACADEMY**

To reflect the diversity of our student population and our current program, a cluster from each area of concentration has been selected with a corresponding career pathway for the Governor’s STEM Academy. The skills and knowledge students acquire will give them a competitive edge when pursuing advanced training and postsecondary education. The Engineering and Technology pathway will lead students to acquire industry certifications in areas that meet the high STEM demands of a local work force that supports the large military and industrial presence in our region. Students pursuing the information technology pathway of Web and digital communications will also benefit. The marketing pathway of professional sales will help prepare our students for projected state needs as well as the local needs in the tourism market. Additionally, the three pathways will incorporate the essential workplace readiness skills. Through project-based learning and work-related experiences, students will garner skills in research, communication, project management, collaboration, and leadership. Students in the Governor’s STEM Academy may also participate in the co-curricular organizations of DECA, FBLA, and TSA and the wealth of established competitions and cooperative education opportunities. All of these real-life experiences and applications will further prepare students for their future. Enhanced co-curricular activities and units of study will be designed and utilized to maximize instruction and reinforce learning and applications of skills.

**CURRENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Landstown High School Technology Academy is located within the comprehensive high school building of Landstown High School at 2001 Concert Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia. It features a cutting-edge curriculum especially designed for students who demonstrate a profound interest in and talent for technology. Landstown High School is the only high school in the division to offer students an opportunity to focus their learning on engineering and technology, a critical area of the emerging workplace. The primary emphasis of the Technology Academy is to provide students within our division the opportunity to enhance their core curriculum high school experience with specific coursework and skills in the areas of engineering and technology (STEM). Guided by our division’s
Strategic Plan for Student Success, “Compass to 2020,” the Technology Academy strives to provide students with a stellar educational background to prepare them for the 21st-century work force, advanced training, and higher education. As a result of these efforts, Landstown High School Governor’s STEM and Technology Academy was ranked as one of the top six percent of all high schools in the country by The Washington Post in 2010. During the 2009–2010 school year, the Engineering and Technology department participated in the Governor’s Exemplary Standard review. The program was awarded the status of “achieving,” only points away from the highest level of “exemplary” status.

Landstown High School’s general population is comprised of nearly 2,400 students. The Governor’s STEM Academy offers courses to approximately 400 students ranging from grades 9 to 12. Each grade level will consist of about 100 students. Currently 249 students are enrolled in Engineering and Technology courses within the Academy. As a result of a thoughtful recruiting process, the program is well represented by students of all backgrounds, ethnicity, and both genders. Prior to acceptance into the program, students select one or more concentrated career pathways from within the engineering and technology program of study. The innovative learning environment of the Technology Academy provides students the added advantage of combining academic and technical training that will prepare them for a variety of post-graduation choices, such as higher education, advanced technical training, or the job market. The Academy utilizes Web-based and online learning, and our classrooms are equipped with advanced-level computers, software, and equipment. There is flexibility within the program for students to broaden their exposure to multiple career clusters. All Academy classes are CTE-approved courses. Several of the courses, such as Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science, Physics of Technology, and Honors Academy English, carry core subject credits for mathematics, science, and English. Verified credit can be earned in any course where the student has successfully passed an industry certification examination. The program is preparing to expand its offerings in the social sciences discipline through AP Government classes. Dual enrollment courses were established with the inception of the Technology Academy for the English sequences in conjunction with Tidewater Community College. Additional specialty courses and industry certifications are accessible through the Advanced Technology Center. Landstown High School and Technology Academy currently offer a variety of 22 industry certifications at our site. Each of the program sequences are four-year programs complemented with accompanying industry certifications leading to specific career pathways. Overlapping within departmental offerings allows students to maximize their studies and skills while allowing for flexibility in options after graduation. The Technology Academy core courses offered within the approved program are exclusive to the Academy and are not available at any other high school setting within the division. Upon completion of two full-credit CTE courses, CTE completer status is attained. Students who successfully complete four or more of the approved Technology Academy courses are awarded the Academy seal upon graduation. Students satisfying all of the mathematics requirements for the Advanced Studies diploma (with a B average) in addition to earning an industry certification, acquiring a professional license in a CTE field from the Commonwealth of Virginia, or passing an examination approved by the Board of Education from the Commonwealth that confers college-level credit in the area of technology or computer science will be awarded the Seal of Advanced Mathematics and
Technology. Those students who complete a prescribed sequence of courses in a CTE concentration and meet all of the additional requirements will receive the Career and Technical Education Seal. The majority of students in the program are seeking Advanced Studies diplomas.

Students attending the Technology Academy select a minimum of one Academy course to pursue each year on campus. Based on availability, students may take as many Academy classes each year as their schedule will permit. Academy classes are elective classes with complementing core classes including a four-year sequence of honors-level English classes. The program is divided into three programs of study: Engineering and Technology, Business and Information Technology, and Marketing and Entrepreneurship. Each of these programs of study offers detailed sequences of courses to complete for industry certification and to prepare the student for specific STEM career pathways. They are aligned so that students may earn specific industry certifications, Career and Technical Education completer status, and meet the requirements for a specific diploma. For the purposes of this paper we will focus on the Engineering and Technology program of study.

The Academy program is strongly focused on project-based learning. In keeping with our division strategic plan for student success, “Compass to 2020”, teachers engage students in meaningful, authentic, and rigorous work through the use of innovative instructional practices and supportive technologies that will motivate the students to be self-directed and inquisitive learners. Performance-based assessments are utilized to measure students’ success in meeting 21st-century skills. Augmented curricula are integrated into classroom instruction to address 21st-century skills, as well. Indicators such as follow-up data from employers and colleges are collected to assess graduates’ college and workplace readiness.

Students enrolled in any Engineering and Technology class are eligible to participate in the corresponding student organization. Engineering and Technology students are affiliated with the Technology Student Association (TSA). TSA is a national student organization devoted to teaching technology education to young people promoting personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Its mission is to inspire students to prepare for careers in a technology-driven world. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics concepts through class activities, concept events, and related programs. The teachers promote technology literacy, leadership, and problem solving to the students.

All students enrolled in the Academy program and meeting the eligibility requirements may participate in the National Technical Honor Society. This organization is devoted to creating and fostering relationships among industry, business, and educational communities. Active students may compete for scholarships and additional career opportunities. Using Pipeline NC, members have access to an innovative Web-based system that allows students to collaborate with businesses and educators.
PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goals of the Landstown Technology Governor’s STEM Academy are to provide students with the 21st-century technological skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in postsecondary education and in the world of work. Specific Academy objectives include the following:

- Provide students with guidance in designing their sequential, four-year high school program and postsecondary plan to ensure they make informed decisions.
- Provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a STEM-related field of technology in a highly competitive 21st-century world.
- Develop critical-thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills required for the 21st-century workplace.
- Prepare students for postsecondary education and/or the skills for a successful school-to-work transition.
- Build partnerships with educational institutions, the business community, and the technology industry to establish internship and mentorship opportunities, as well as programs for expanded learning to extend, enrich, and refine student learning and link the resources of community, business, and industry to education.
- Provide a series of sequential courses for students with multiple entry and exit points depending on their individual goals, abilities, and interests in order to ensure excellence and equity.
- Provide students with opportunities to attend classes that reflect industry standards and allow them to earn industry certifications.
- Encourage students to participate in competitions to enhance their skills and acknowledge their accomplishments.

AVAILABLE PATHWAYS

Currently, within the Governor’s STEM Academy the current pathways are available to student enrolled in the Engineering and Technology Strand:

- Modeling and Simulation (See Attachment A)
- Robotics Technology (See Attachment B)
- Engineering and Technology (See Attachment C)
CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH

CONCLUSIONS

1. It can be concluded based on the data, that the current programs of study are meeting the needs of the areas that they target.
2. The enrollment for the Academy programs of study is consistent, and interest from the lower middle school grades in the programs remains high.

FUTURE RESEARCH

1. After discussions with current parents, employers and school official’s future research will be conducted to determine the feasibility of adding a fourth pathway to the Engineering and Technology program of study. This pathway would target the Computer Science arena.

REFERENCES


 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA 
Plan of Study 

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**NOTE:** Use state course titles and appropriate high school graduation requirements. 

**Sample Career Pathway:** 
- Biomedical Engineer 
- CAD Technician 
- Chemical Engineer 
- Communications 
- Computer Engineer 
- Computer Programmer 
- Draftsman 
- Electrical/Electronic/Engineering Technician 
- Geothermal Engineer 
- Industrial Engineer 
- Marine Engineer 
- Mechanical Engineer 
- Metallurgical Engineer 
- Mining Engineer 
- Nuclear Engineer 
- Petroleum Engineer 
- Surveyor 
- Systems Engineer 
- Transport Engineer
High school courses in the pathway offered locally for college credit should be coded: DE (Dual Enrollment) and/or VC (Validated Credit)

List related certifications/credentials approved by VDOE and offered

Go to Certification – License Section

Work-Based Learning:
- Career Research
- Cooperative Education
- Internship
- Job Shadowing
- Service Learning Project
- Mentorship
- Student Apprenticeship

Postsecondary: Placement Assessments such as COMPASS & SAT II

College Entrance Exams such as ACT & SAT

SAMPLE POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS CAREER PATHWAY

Individual plans must include locally agreed upon courses at the postsecondary level (See page 2)

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# ROBOTICS TECHNOLOGY PATHWAY - PLAN OF STUDY

**Cluster:** Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics  
**Pathway:** Engineering and Technology  
**Focus:** Robotics and Technology

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### Graduation Requirements

- **Science:**
  - 4116 Life Science 7 or 4118 Advanced Science 7
  - 4210 Earth Science or 4310 Biology
  - 4410 Chemistry

- **Social Studies/Science:**
  - 2340 World History part 2 or 2399 AP European History
  - 2360 VA/US History or 2319 AP VA/US History

- **Mathematics:**
  - 3111 Math 7 or 3220 Algebra I Honors
  - 3220 Algebra 1 Honors or 3225 Geometry Honors

- **Other Required Courses:**
  - 4270 AP Environmental Science or 4340 AP Biology
  - 4440 AP Chemistry or 4541 AP Physics

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### Validated Occupations Relating to This Pathway:

- Astronaut
- Construction Engineer
- Computer Programmer
- Computer Hardware Engineer
- Computer Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Chemical Engineer
- CAD Technician
- Architectural Engineer
- Agricultural Engineer/Technician
- Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineer
- Manufacturing Engineer/Technician
- Mining Engineer
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http://www.cteresource.org/apg  (Go to Certification – License Section)
- Electronics Technology Certification (NOCTI)
- Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth Certification ((CTECS)
- Carnegie Mellon Robot C Programming Certification

Additional Learning Opportunities:
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# Engineering and Technology Plan of Study

## Cluster: Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

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### Graduation Requirements:


### Other Required Courses

Recommended Electives

Career Assessment: Identify an appropriate career assessment instrument at the middle school level used to help students and their parents plan for high school.

Student Name: [VA Wizard](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/career_technical/career_clusters/sample_plans_study/index.shtml)

Select a High School Pathway: Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

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High school courses in the pathway offered locally for college credit should be coded: DE (Dual Enrollment) and/or VC (Validated Credit).

List related certifications/credentials approved by VDOE and offered locally:
- Pre-Engineering/Engineering Technology Certification (NOCTI)
- AutoCAD 2010 certification (Certiport)
- Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth Certification (CTECS)

Additional Learning Opportunities:
- CTSO Organization(s):
  - DECA
  - FBLA
  - FCCLA
  - SkillsUSA

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Work-Based Learning:
- Career Research
- Cooperative Education
- Internship
- Job Shadowing
- Service Learning Project
- Student Apprenticeship

Postsecondary: Placement Assessments such as COMPASS & SAT II
- College Entrance Exams such as ACT & SAT

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