

CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Newnan, Georgia

A National Model School
For Seamless Education
And Workforce Development

What is CEC?

Central Educational Center (CEC) is a charter school in Coweta County, Georgia designed and operated by a partnership of business and industry, Coweta County Schools, and West Central Technical College.

CEC's mission is "to ensure a viable 21st century workforce." Our focus is on seamless education, which we accomplish by breaking down barriers between academics and career/technical classes, between high school and college, and between education and the workplace. Students at CEC are called "team members," and they voluntarily enroll from all the county's high schools. CEC's unique blend of academic and technical courses prepares team members for the workforce or additional post-secondary education. Team members also have the option of taking dual-enrollment courses at CEC as early as age 16 - simultaneously earning credit toward a high school diploma and a technical college associate degree.

Adults attend CEC, too, enrolling in technical college, GED, and continuing education. The state of Georgia provides customized training for corporations at CEC, and many outside groups hold seminars and community events here, too. **CEC is a center for lifelong learning!**

For our excellent performance since opening in 2000, for being a state model for seamless education, and for our commitment to rigorous instruction and continuous improvement, CEC has been named a **National Model High School** by an international consortium of educational organizations.

All Graduates Employable

To be employable in today's global economy, between 70-80% of the workforce must have technical training beyond a high school diploma, but not necessarily a full four-year degree.

CEC was designed to allow educators the freedom to teach the more precise knowledge, skills, attitudes and information required in today's economy. Team members are achieving higher test scores and higher grades. CEC is far surpassing the low expectations of the traditional Bell curve, proving that "all students can learn, and most to a high level."

The result is CEC's own version of No Child Left Behind: **All Graduates Employable!**

What About College?

Being truly prepared for college requires technical and academic preparation. CEC's team members earn college prep, tech prep, and dual seal diplomas. CEC is preparing the best-trained workforce in U.S. history, equally prepared to enter the workforce directly from high school or to pursue any post-secondary degree(s).

In fact, CEC is the county campus of our regional technical college and offers dual-enrollment to high school students. **Simply, CEC is where you go if you want to go to college early!**

Work Ethic Grade

- Attendance
- Character
- Teamwork
- Appearance
- Attitude
- Productivity
- Organizational skills
- Communication
- Cooperation
- Respect

Every team member gets two grades in every class at CEC – a course grade and a work ethic grade. The work ethic grade is based on this rubric of 10 "soft skills."



What Do People Say About CEC?

Students, parents, and employers have been surveyed for their reactions to CEC and CEC's national model. Here's what they say:

STUDENTS

"I'm treated like an adult at CEC, and I like the freedom I have."

"I'm doing better in college because I went to CEC."

"I'm preparing for a job in a field that interests me, and the teachers have a real positive attitude."

"I'm getting hands-on experience with equipment and software I'll be using in the workplace."

Source: Florida State University



PARENTS



More than 90% of CEC's parents either agree or strongly agree with the following statements:

"CEC is helping my son develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes he will need to be successful in life."

"My daughter knows and understands what is expected of her at CEC."

"I'm a valued partner in my child's education."

"My children feel safe at CEC."

Source: International Center for Leadership in Education

BUSINESSES

"CEC has its own version of No Child Left Behind. It's called 'All Graduates Employable.'"

*Don Moore, Plant Manager,
local manufacturer*

"I give CEC a 10 out of 10. Their team members produce outstanding results!"

"CEC's team members are more mature than most high school students."

Source: Florida State University



CEC has had a profound impact on Coweta County. Graduation test "pass rates" have risen among students who attend CEC, and the system's high school completion rate has increased. SAT scores have improved county-wide. Overall, more than 5,000 team members and businesses have been directly served by CEC. In economic development, CEC was directly responsible for the \$75 million economic impact created when one local manufacturer expanded and hired 300 new employees. Finally, CEC had an immediate and positive role in reducing the county's dropout rate.

CEC also serves as a state and national model. Our school has hosted hundreds of groups from most states and dozens of countries. Industry leaders, educators, Governors, Senators, Representatives, diplomats and, most important of all, high school students and their parents have visited and become supporters of the re-invention of education at CEC. CEC has also received a federal grant to help communities examine and replicate the CEC Model if they so choose.



If you're a student or a parent...

and need more information about CEC, please call us, visit our website, or talk to your high school counselor. Regardless of your career or post-secondary education plans, CEC is here for you!

If you're a business...

call our Business/Community Director for more information about how we can help train your workforce and involve you as a CEC partner.

If you're a community...

call us and see for yourself how our model for seamless education and workforce development can help you:

- Raise test scores
- Place more graduates in jobs or colleges
- Lower unemployment
- Improve your workforce
- Attract more higher education options
- Attract more and better industry
- Reduce your dropout rate
- Graduate more students



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