

# Middle School CTE: Introduction to Technology

Demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics and scope of technology. – The student will be able to:

- 1.01 Develop new products and systems to solve problems or to help do things that could not be done without the help of technology.
- 1.02 Describe the development of technology as a human activity that is the result of individual or collective needs and the ability to be creative.
- 1.03 Explain how technology is closely linked with creativity, which has resulted in innovation.

Demonstrate an understanding of the core concepts of technology. – The student will be able to:

- 2.01 Identify technological systems including input, processes, output, and, at times, feedback.
- 2.02 Define systems thinking, involving considering how every part relates to others.
- 2.03 Identify control systems having no feedback path and requiring human intervention, and control system using feedback.
- 2.04 Identify how technological systems can be connected to one another.
- 2.05 Diagnose malfunctions of any part of a system that may affect the function and quality of the system.
- 2.06 Identify requirements or parameters placed on the development of a product or system.
- 2.07 Identify trade-offs as a decision process recognizing the need for careful compromises among competing factors.

Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships among technologies and the connection between technology and other fields of study. – The student will be able to:

- 3.01 Explain how technological systems interact with one another.
- 3.02 Explain how knowledge gained from other fields of study has a direct effect on the development of technological products and systems.

**Demonstrate an understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and political effects of technology. – The student will be able to:**

**4.01** Describe ethical issues associated with the development and use of technology.

**4.02** Describe the economic, political, and cultural issues that are influenced by the development and use of technology.

**Demonstrate an understanding of the effects of technology on the environment. – The student will be able to:**

**5.01** Describe the management of waste produced by technological systems as an important societal issue.

**5.02** Identify how technologies can be used to repair damage caused by natural disasters and to break down waste from the use of various products and systems.

**Demonstrate an understanding of the role of society in the development and use of technology. – The student will be able to:**

**6.01** Identify changes in society and the creation of new needs and wants caused by the use of inventions and innovations.

**6.02** Understand how social and cultural priorities and values are reflected in technological devices.

**Demonstrate an understanding of the influence of technology on history. – The student will be able to:**

**7.01** Identify inventions and innovations that have evolved by using slow and methodical processes of tests and refinements.

**7.02** Explain how the specialization of function has been at the heart of many technological improvements.

**Demonstrate an understanding of the attributes of design. – The student will be able to:**

**8.01** Use design as a creative planning process that leads to useful products and systems.

**8.02** Explain why there is no perfect design.

**8.03** Identify criteria and constraints that are requirements for a design.

**8.04** Demonstrate the ability to properly identify different resources used in projects.

**Demonstrate an understanding of engineering design. – The student will be able to:**

**9.01** Identify the design process involving a set of steps, which can be performed in different sequences and repeated as needed.

**9.02** Define brainstorming as a group problem-solving design process in which each person in the group presents his or her ideas in an open forum.

**9.03** Model, test, evaluate and modify designs to transform ideas into practical solutions.

Demonstrate an understanding of the role of troubleshooting, research and development, invention and innovation, and experimentation in problem solving. – The student will be able to:

- 10.01 Use troubleshooting as a problem-solving method used to identify the cause of a malfunction in a technological system.
- 10.02 Define invention as a process of turning ideas and imagination into devices and systems and innovation as the process of modifying an existing product or system to improve it.
- 10.03 Identify technological problems that are best solved through experimentation.

Demonstrate the abilities to apply the design process. – The student will be able to:

- 11.01 Apply a design process to solve problems in and beyond the laboratory-classroom.
- 11.02 Specify criteria and constraints for the design.
- 11.03 Test and evaluate the design in relation to pre-established requirements, such as criteria and constraints, and refine as needed.
- 11.04 Make a product or system and document the solution.

Demonstrate the abilities to use and maintain technological products and systems. – The student will be able to:

- 12.01 Use information provided in manuals, protocols, or by experienced people to see and understand how things work.
- 12.02 Use tools, materials, and machines safely to diagnose, adjust, and repair systems.
- 12.03 Use computers and calculators in various applications.

Demonstrate the abilities to assess the impact of products and systems. – The student will be able to:

- 13.01 Use data collected to analyze and interpret trends in order to identify the positive or negative effects of a technology.
- 13.02 Interpret and evaluate the accuracy of the information obtained and determine if it is useful.

Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to select and use medical technologies. – The student will be able to:

- 14.01 Explain how advances and innovations in medical technologies are used to improve healthcare.
- 14.02 Explain how the vaccines developed for use in immunization require specialized technologies to support environments in which a sufficient amount of vaccines are produced.

Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to select and use agricultural and related biotechnologies. – The student will be able to:

- 15.01 Identify technological advances in agriculture directly affecting the time and number of people required to produce food for a large population.
- 15.02 Explain how biotechnology applies the principles of biology to create commercial products or processes.

Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to select and use energy and power technologies. – The student will be able to:

**16.01** Define energy as the capacity to do work.

**16.02** Explain how energy can be used to do work, using many processes.

**16.03** Define power systems used to drive and provide propulsion to other technological products and systems.

Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to select and use information and communication technologies. – The student will be able to:

**17.01** Identify information and communication systems that allow information to be transferred from human to human, human to machine, machine to machine, and machine to human.

**17.02** Define communication systems made up of a source, encoder, transmitter, receiver, decoder, and destination.

Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to select and use transportation technologies. – The student will be able to:

**18.01** Describe how transporting people and goods involve a combination of individuals and vehicles.

**18.02** Identify subsystems of transportation vehicles, such as structural, propulsion, suspension, guidance, control, and support that must function together for a system to work effectively.

Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to select and use manufacturing technologies. – The student will be able to:

**19.01** Define manufacturing systems using mechanical processes that change the form of materials through processes of separating, forming, combining, and conditioning them.

**19.02** Classify manufactured goods as durable and non-durable.

**19.03** Define manufacturing technologies that are used to modify or alter manufactured products.

**19.04** Explain that materials must first be located before they can be extracted from the earth through processes such as harvesting, drilling, and mining.

Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to select and use construction technologies. – The student will be able to:

**20.01** Identify factors such as style, convenience, cost, climate, and function in the selection of designs for structures.

**20.02** Explain that structures rest on a foundation.

**20.03** Classify structures as temporary or permanent.

Demonstrate proper and safe procedures while working with technological tools, apparatus, equipment, systems, and materials. – The student will be able to:

**21.01** Follow classroom/laboratory safety rules and procedures.

**21.02** Demonstrate good housekeeping at workstations within a classroom/laboratory.

**21.03** Conduct classroom/laboratory activities and equipment operations in a safe manner.

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**21.04** Exercise care and respect for all tools, equipment, and materials.

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**21.05** Identify color-coding safety standards.

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**21.06** Safely use hand tools and power equipment.

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**21.07** Explain fire prevention and safety precautions and practices for extinguishing fires.

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**21.08** Identify harmful effects/potential dangers of familiar hazardous substances/devices to people and the environment.

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**Exhibit positive human relations and leadership skills. – The student will be able to:**

**22.01** Perform roles in a student personnel system or in a career and technical student organization (CTSO).

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**22.02** Work cooperatively with others.

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**Discuss individual interests, aptitudes, and opportunities as they relate to a career. – The student will be able to:**

**23.01** Describe individual strengths and weaknesses.

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**23.02** Discuss individual interests related to a career.

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**23.03** Identify careers within specific areas of technology.

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**23.04** Explore careers within specific areas of interest.

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