# McDonough High School

# INTRODUCTION TO SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY

# **COURSE SYLLABUS**

COURSE TITLE	Introduction to Software Technology	TERM	SEMESTER
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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Introduction to Software Technology is a course that is appropriate for all high school students. Introduction to Software Technology is the foundational course for Cloud Computing, Computer Science, Game Design, Internet of Things, Programming, Web and Digital Design, and Web Development pathways. This course is designed for high school students to understand, communicate, and adapt to a digital world as it impacts their personal life, society, and the business world. Exposure to foundational knowledge in programming languages, software development, app creation, and user interfacing applications are all taught in a computer lab with hands-on activities and project-focused tasks.

This course is designed for high school students to not only understand the concepts but also apply their knowledge to situations and defend their actions, decisions, and/or choices through the knowledge and skills acquired in this course. Employability skills are integrated into activities, tasks, and projects throughout the course standards to demonstrate the skills required by business and industry.

Competencies in the co-curricular student organizations are integral components of both the employability skills standards and content standards for this course. Various forms of technologies will be highlighted to expose students to emerging technologies impacting the digital world. Professional communication skills and practices, problem-solving, ethical and legal issues, and the impact of effective presentation skills are taught in this course as foundational knowledge to prepare students to be college and career-ready. The knowledge and skills taught in this course build upon each other to form a comprehensive introduction to the digital world. The prerequisite for this course is advisor approval.

# COURSE CURRICULUM CONTENT

	Course Standards	COURSE OVERVIEW *(order of units subject to change)
IT-IST-1	Demonstrate employability skills required by	1st Nine Weeks:
	business and industry	Student Organization   FBLA Leadership     Development
IT-IST-2	Establish a personal online career portfolio and begin uploading relevant artifacts	Computer Science Careers   Employability     Skills
IT-IST-3	Explore, research, and present findings on positions and career paths in technology and the impact of technology on the chosen career area	<ul><li>3. Online Career Portfolio</li><li>4. Digital Citizenship &amp; Cyber Hygiene</li><li>5. Programming</li></ul>
IT-IST-4	Demonstrate effective professional communication skills (oral, written, and digital) and practices that enable positive relationships with all audiences of a business	<ul> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks:</li> <li>6. Computing Basics</li> <li>7. Operating Systems &amp; Software</li> <li>8. Website Design – HTML &amp; CSS</li> <li>9. JavaScript Basics &amp; Graphics</li> </ul>
IT-IST-5	Identify, describe, evaluate, and use appropriate technology for given situations.	10. Web Development
IT-IST-6	Understand, communicate, and adapt to a digital world	
IT-IST-7	Use computational thinking procedures to analyze and solve problems	
IT-IST-8	Create and organize webpages through the use of a variety of web programming design tools	
IT-IST-9	Identify and explain the building blocks, principles, and ways to access code within programming languages used today	
IT-IST-10	Design, develop, test, and implement programs using high-level programming languages	
IT-IST-11	Describe, analyze, develop, and follow policies for managing ethical and legal issues in the business world and in a technology-based society	
IT-IST-12	Explore how related student organizations are integral parts of career and technology education courses through leadership development, school and community service projects, entrepreneurship development, and competitive events	

# INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Published Materials	Instructional Supplies
Discovering Computers 2009, Shelly Vermaat	Paper, Pen, & Pencil
Discovering Computers Online Companion	·

### **EVALUATION AND GRADING**

Assignments	Grade Weights		Grading Scale	
Classwork & Homework Quizzes, Labs & Work Ethic	Practice Work – Daily Assignments/ Classwork/ Homework /formative assessments/Quizzes/Work Ethic	40%	Course Final Average	A: 90 and above B: 80 – 89
Projects Unit Tests	Assessment Tasks - Projects/Tests/Summative unit assessments	40%	80%	C: 74 – 79 D: 70 – 73
Final Exam	Semester Summative Assessment Tasks	20%	EOCT/Final Exam 20%	F: 69 or below

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Expectations for Academic Success		Additional Requirements/Resources	
1)	Complete daily classwork assignments	Acceptable Computer Use Policy	
2) que	Participate in class discussions and ask stions	Tutoring Available	
3)	Participate constructively as a team member	Follow Work Ethic Guidelines and "Dress for Success"	
4)	Problem-solve and accept challenges		
5)	Challenge yourself to continuously improve		

<sup>\*</sup>The syllabus is subject to change and may be updated as needed throughout the semester.

#### **ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY:**

All students must agree to the acceptable use policy before using computer technology at McDonough High School. The "Acceptable Use Policy" states, "The Internet is intended for educational purposes only. It is against school policy to submit, publish, or display any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal material. Students may not access E-mail or chat sessions or computer hacking websites of any kind. Students may not upload or download any software, etc., or make changes to any part of this computer. This includes but is not limited to the hard drive. By logging into this computer, YOU ARE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY for what Internet sites are viewed and any other inappropriate activities that may occur. All violations of the county and school ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY will result in a disciplinary referral to the Administration of McDonough High School."

#### **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATION:**

#### Class Rules

Be Polite
Be Prompt
Be Positive
Be Prepared
Be Productive

#### **CLASS POLICIES:**

- 1) Computers are for classroom instruction only email, forums, *Facebook*, *Myspace*, *X*, chat, games, material of a pornographic nature, drug-related content, or any material not specified by the instructor as class-related must not be accessed with the school's computers. Violation of this will cause you to lose computer access privileges. Students must follow all rules in the McDonough High School and Henry County Schools Acceptable Use Policies for computer use.
- 2) Be on time! Students are expected to be in their seats when the bell rings and are expected to stay there, otherwise, a tardy will be recorded. The Administration at McDonough High School will handle the consequences of tardiness.
- 3) Respect the property of others while in the classroom.
- 4) Do not touch anything on the teacher's desk without permission.
- 5) Participate in class! Nothing will help you to understand the material better than to engage actively in all activities, discussions, and projects you will get out of this class what you put into it!
- 6) There shall be NO EATING OR DRINKING in this Computer Lab this includes gum, candy, cookies, chips, etc. Students may have a bottle of water as long as they set it on the floor away from the computers.
- 7) Students may not leave the Lab without an approved MHS pass.

- 8) DO NOT work on assignments or coursework from any other class. Your complete attention will be required during every class period.
- 9) DO NOT roll around on the chairs.
- 10) Horse playing in the Lab is strictly prohibited.
- 11) Cell phones, iPads, iPods, and other electronics are not to be seen or heard in class unless assigned.
- 12) Academic honesty is paramount! CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED and will result in an AUTOMATIC ZERO. This includes homework, quizzes, projects, tests, and exams. Please read the Henry County Schools Plagiarism Policy.
- > Students are expected to conform to all rules and regulations of the McDonough High School and Henry County Schools Student Handbook.

### **CONSEQUENCES:**

Consequences of failing to follow these course policies may include a phone call/e-mail home to a parent/guardian; teacher detention; administrative detention; and administrative referrals. Serious offenses will result in an immediate referral.

#### **Discipline Policy for Rule Violation:**

✓ 1st Offense: Warning

✓ 2nd Offense: Parent Contact

✓ 3rd Offense: Detention and Parent Contact✓ 4th Offense: Referral to Administrator

> Serious violations will result in immediate office referral or other appropriate responses based on students' actions.

#### A note to students-

I look forward to working with each of you. I hope that you find this to be an interesting class and learn a lot from the course. I encourage you to see me at any time if you have questions or concerns about the course or any of the material. I will always be glad to schedule a time to help you if you are ever struggling with anything in the class. Please do not hesitate to ask for help!

#### A note to parents/guardians-

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any questions or concerns about your child's progress in this class.

#### **COMMITMENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

By signing below, I am stating that I have read, understood, and I will encourage my student to adhere to the class syllabus and behavioral expectations. I also understand that I am encouraged to contact the instructor if I have questions or concerns about my student's performance in this course.

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