After successful completion of the program pathway and related postsecondary education or training, students may choose to enter careers such as:

- Network Administrator
- Assistant LAN Manager
- Computer Repair Specialist
- System Integrator
- Computer Support Analyst
- Network Support Specialist
- Help Desk Technician
- Help Desk Support Assistant
- Help Desk Support Analyst
- Graphic Design Specialist
- Web Designer

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The Center for Computer Technologies offers three course sequences that students may follow: Computer Systems and Information Technology, Digital Design and Web Development. Each of these provides coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards, as well as, relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers. Additionally, it provides technical skill proficiency, and includes competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning, problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills.

Students are taught by teachers with specialized knowledge in the field to prepare them for college and/or to enter the workforce upon graduation. The curriculum includes the necessary information technology and integrated core academic courses to provide students a balanced education. This program offers many specialized projects and activities including field trips, job shadowing, integrated curriculum projects, exploring colleges and scholarship opportunities, and “real world” applications.

Upon completion of the Center for Computer Technologies course of study, students may be eligible for the Florida Gold Seal Scholarship.

There are also several college articulation options with St. Petersburg College and state universities associated with completing the program and earning certifications.

Any eligible students in Pinellas County high schools may apply during the initial application period; however only those zoned for North County (Dunedin High, Palm Harbor University High, Tarpon Springs High, East Lake High and Countryside High) are eligible for PCS transportation.

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS:
Certifications obtained will provide our students with a greater advantage in college and in the business world. Certifications validate your knowledge and can accelerate your career. Students enrolled in the Center for Computer Technologies and its supporting information technology courses at Countryside High School have the opportunity to earn internationally recognized industry certifications which include:

- Microsoft Technology Associate Certifications (various)
- CompTIA A+
- CompTIA Network+
- CompTIA Server+
- CompTIA Security+
- Microsoft Office Specialist
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Dreamweaver
- Adobe Flash

Over 500 industry certifications have been earned to date.