

FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE @ McClarin

Under the last capital plan, McClarin High School was identified as a building in need of heavy renovation. After examining instructional needs, McClarin is positioned to become Fulton County Schools' first "Middle College" with a completely transformed campus.

A Middle College is an alternative path to high school graduation where students complete high school with a diploma and two technical college certificates. Formerly known as Senate Bill 2, the Middle College model is part of Georgia's Option B Diploma Program. Qualifying students would take a reduced number (nine) of academic courses required for graduation and complete their remaining coursework in training for a high-wage, high-skill, in-demand career field.

To create the FCS Middle College, Fulton County Schools looks to partner with a local technical college, such as Atlanta Technical College, to provide a relevant and career-ready curriculum for students. Funds from Capital Plan 2022 will be used to completely renovate and transform the McClarin High School campus.

Why the FCS Middle College?

The Georgetown University Center on Education and The Workforce estimates there are about 30 million jobs – with a median income of \$55,000 or more – that require specialized and skilled training, but not a four-year bachelor's degree. Post-secondary Career Technical and Education (CTE) programs enable many students to earn associate's degrees, post-secondary degrees, and other industry credentials that qualify them for these jobs.

Fulton County Schools offers a wide variety of high quality CTAE courses through its middle and high schools as well as a successful FCS College and Career Academy. By adding a Middle College, Fulton County Schools will expand the width and breadth of the district's portfolio of schools, academic offerings, and post-secondary options. Research also shows that taking advanced CTAE courses in high school is associated with reduced drop-out rates, higher rates of on-time graduation, and higher wages. A Middle College would provide relevant programming for students that will prevent them from dropping out and allow them a better transition to post-secondary education and careers.



ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Taught at the FCS Middle College:

High school core academic classes (9)

- Two English courses, one being American Literature
- Two Mathematics courses, one being Algebra I
- Two Science courses, one being Biology
- Two Social Studies courses
- One Health and Physical Education course

College-level class offerings

- Computer Networking
- Cybersecurity
- Digital and Media Production
- Early Childhood Education
- Logistics
- Welding

Taught at a local technical college, such as Atlanta Technical College:

- Automotive Technology
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Avionics Technology

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Services for Exceptional Children
- Work-based learning, including internships and apprenticeships
- Career programs and counseling
- Daycare for students with children