



Agenda Request Form

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August 21, 2025	Recognition Item 3

Title
Healthcare Industry Certification Recognition -- River Ridge High School

Requested Action
School Board Recognition of Healthcare Industry Certification at River Ridge High School

Summary Explanation and Background

A Cherokee County School District high school has earned state industry certification for its career education program focused on healthcare!

River Ridge High School's Career Pathway Healthcare Science program for Diagnostics: Clinical Laboratory Science, led by teacher Callie Davis, earned the distinguished Healthcare Industry Certification, which recognizes high school programs that meet rigorous standards set by industry experts.

To earn the certification, programs must demonstrate their use of project-based instruction, qualified educators, and up-to-date technologies, all while ensuring students gain valuable real-world experience through career development activities and hands-on training. The recognition additionally confirms the school's healthcare science program is aligned with state standards, including OSHA 10-hour Certification, HIPAA Training, and patient safety protocols.

Ms. Davis is a former medical technologist now in her 19th year as an educator. In addition to leading the school's healthcare science program, she also serves as teacher advisor for the school's HOSA Future Health Professionals student organization and recently was named a Health Science Educators Association Ambassador by the National Consortium for Health Science Education.

The certification review was conducted by the Georgia Department of Education and Hometown Health University.

Financial Impact
N/A

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