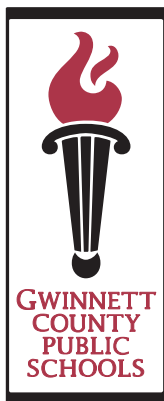


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Meadowcreek HS and Phoenix HS: Schools earn broadcast journalism industry certification

The Video and Broadcast Journalism Programs at Gwinnett's **Meadowcreek High** and **Phoenix High** recently earned industry certification from the New Media Education Foundation of Georgia. Industry certification is designed to promote high-quality instruction for students wishing to pursue postsecondary education and qualify for entry-level positions in industry.

Industry certification is a formal process that strengthens Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) programs through a rigorous review. During the certification process, curriculum and instruction are carefully interfaced and aligned with current industry standards to assist with providing better career opportunities for students. In addition to curriculum and instructional alignment, the following CTAE program components also are evaluated and strengthened during the review process:

- Lab Areas
- Equipment
- Industry/Community Involvement
- Work-Based Learning Opportunities
- Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)
- Instructor Qualifications
- Program Safety

The teachers for these new industry-certified programs are **Nancy Khashan** of Meadowcreek High and **Mr. Pasha Souvorin** of Phoenix High.

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