

What is CAPS?

Southland CAPS will provide students the opportunity to dive into the professional world by working on real-life projects, by having industry mentors, and by being immersed in a professional culture.

Students who take CAPS will be enrolled in an exploratory program that allows them to test drive their future career goals in highly skilled, high demand industries while earning high school credit.

Our Mission

The Center for Advanced Professional Studies represents the collaboration of education, business and community, providing students with a unique, immersive experience, resulting in highly skilled, adaptable, global innovators and leaders.



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Entrepreneurial Mindset

Instructors create an environment where creative thinking and problem solving is encouraged. An innovative culture is key to fostering entrepreneurial learning and design thinking.

Self-discovery and Exploration

Students realize their strengths and passions by exploring and experiencing potential professions. This allows them to make informed decisions about their future, while learning to exhibit leadership.

Profession-based Learning

Instructors develop real-world, project-based learning strategies through collaborations with business and community partners. These interactions enhance the learning experience, preparing students for college and career.

Responsiveness

CAPS supports high-skill, high-demand careers through ongoing innovation in curriculum development, programs and services based on local business and community needs.



Courses

Animal Health Science

This course is designed for students who have an interest in the Animal Health field. This course will allow students an opportunity to discover and explore a variety of career options in the animal health industry.

Education Exploration

This course is designed for students who have an interest in learning about future careers in education. Students will have the opportunity to explore the various levels of education including Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, and High School.

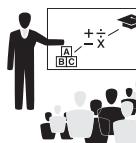


Environmental Planning & Awareness

This course is designed for students who have an interest in learning about Environmental Planning and Awareness. Students will have the opportunity to learn from professionals about how we can produce enough food to feed the increasing world population while sustaining the planet, how food is processed to produce products people want to eat, and how food and products are distributed.

Technology Solutions

This course is designed for students who have an interest in the information technology field. This course will allow students an opportunity to discover and explore a variety of career options in the technology space.



Professional Skills Development

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Time and goal management
- Conflict resolution and negotiation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Interpersonal relationship building
- Creativity and innovation
- Technology adeptness
- Multi-cultural sensitivity
- Leadership

Outcomes

- Professional resume and personal target marketing plan (focused companies and industries)
- A 30-second elevator speech
- Understanding the interview process and the ability to translate experiences into job relevant content
- Well-roundedness through volunteering and community extracurricular activities
- An understanding of how to work with others to accomplish projects and tasks
- Network of mentors
- Experience in giving and receiving peer feedback

Requirements

- Eagerness to work with business professionals
- Student must be on track for graduation
- Leadership skills and flexibility to work with small groups
- Ability to provide own transportation