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Course: Civil Engineering and Architecture

PEIMS Code: N1303747

Abbreviation: CEA

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Number of Credits: 1.0

Course description:

Civil Engineering and Architecture (CEA) is a high school level specialization course in the PLTW Engineering Program. In CEA students are introduced to important aspects of building and site design and development. They apply math, science, and standard engineering practices to design both residential and commercial projects and document their work using 3D architectural design software. Utilizing the activity-project-problem-based (APB) teaching and learning pedagogy, students progress from completing structured activities to solving open-ended projects and problems that require them to develop planning, documentation, communication, and other professional skills.

Through both individual and collaborative team activities, projects, and problems, students problem solve as they practice common design and development protocols such as project management and peer review. Students develop skill in engineering calculations, technical representation, documentation of design solutions according to accepted technical standards, and use of current 3D architectural design and modeling software to represent and communicate solutions.

Teacher qualifications:

An assignment for Civil Engineering and Architecture is allowed with one of the following certificates as well as successful completion of the Project Lead The Way's Core Training requirements for Civil Engineering and Architecture.

PLTW Core Training:

PLTW's Core Training requires approximately 90 hours of instruction led by PLTW approved Master Teachers. Course mastery is demonstrated by the submission and approval of a course portfolio that meet's PLTW's requirements. After successful completion of Core Training, teachers receive access to the National PLTW Engineering Professional Learning Community, course-specific student and classroom



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instructional resources, and Ongoing Training resources through the PLTW Content Management System.

- Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12.
- Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12.
- Secondary Industrial Arts (Grades 6-12).
- Secondary Industrial Technology (Grades 6-12).
- Technology Education: Grades 6-12.
- Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12. This assignment requires appropriate work approval.
- Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12. This assignment requires appropriate work approval.
- Vocational Trades and Industry. This assignment requires appropriate work approval.
- Vocational Trades and Industry (Grades 6-12). This assignment requires appropriate work approval.
- Vocational Trades and Industry Pre-Employment Laboratory (Grades 6-12). This assignment requires appropriate work approval.
- Vocational Trades and Industry Co-op (Grades 6-12). This assignment requires appropriate work approval.

Additional information:

Districts may use these courses only with the approval of Project Lead The Way. All requirements of Project Lead The Way must be met. Please contact Project Lead The Way directly for these requirements:

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