## CTE Standards Unpacking
### Introduction to Information Technology

**Course:** Introduction to Information Technology  
**Course Description:** Introduction to Information Technology prepares students with knowledge and background of technology careers, programming, and hardware. This course explores new and emerging technologies for both professional and personal use.  
**Career Cluster:** Information Technology  
**Prerequisites:** Recommended that a student has taken from the Foundation Courses Computer Applications.  
**Program of Study Application:** Introduction to Information Technology is recommended as a prerequisite for two pathways: Programming and Networking & Hardware.

### INDICATOR #IT 1: Understand the need and impact of technology.

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<td>Describe how technology is impacting community.</td>
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<td>List physical and mental health dangers associated with computer use.</td>
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<td>The relationship between electronic devices and computers.</td>
<td>The influence of technology and how it impacts their daily life.</td>
<td>Describe the electronic devices you use and explain how they synchronize with computer technology.</td>
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<td>How do people and communities interact with technology.</td>
<td>Moral and ethical use of technology.</td>
<td>Illustrate the ways that technology assists people.</td>
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**Benchmarks**  
Students will be assessed on their *ability* to:  
- Explain how computers can assist people.  
- Research the impact of social networking through the Internet.  
- List ways in which etiquette plays a role in technology and communication.  
- Research physical health concerns caused by technology usage.  
- Research mental health and addiction caused by technology usage.
### Academic Connections

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**INDICATOR #IT 2: Understand computer hardware required to meet specific needs.**

**SUB-INDICATOR 2.1 (Webb Level: 1):** Understand how computer information is represented.

**SUB-INDICATOR 2.2 (Webb Level: 1):** Identify hardware components and their relationship to computer usage.

**SUB-INDICATOR 2.3 (Webb Level: 2):** Understand different types of memory and storage.

**SUB-INDICATOR 2.4 (Webb Level: 1):** Identify input and output devices to meet the needs of users.

**SUB-INDICATOR 2.5 (Webb Level: 2):** Understand the decision-making process involved in purchasing computer systems.

| Knowledge (Factual): How computer information is represented. Identify input, output, storage, and processing. Understand the process involved in purchasing. | Understand (Conceptual): The history of binary and machine language. Identify hardware components and their relationship to computer usage. There are different devices | Skills (Application): Deconstruct and reconstruct a computer. Connect a variety of input and output devices to a computer. Analyze activity usage, |
computer systems. that fit different needs. and determine device needed, and purchasing process.

**Benchmarks**
Students will be assessed on their ability to:
- Convert decimal to binary and binary to decimal.
- Research the evolution of data.
- Research hardware requirements for five top pieces of software.
- Explain difference between different types of memory and storage.
- Research new ideas for input and output devices.

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- **RI7.** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.

**Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):**

Students will explain orally or in writing/multi-media project the hardware requirements for five top pieces of software. In a research paper or multi-media project, students offer an explanation of the hardware needed to create a computer.

Students will review several mock examples of a person or group with computer needs, assess specific details and offer a plan which includes a device that will meet the needs with an explanation of why.

**INDICATOR #IT 3: Understand software solutions for personal and professional use.**
**SUB-INDICATOR 3.1 (Webb Level: 2):** Explain how software is created, distributed, installed, and maintained.

**SUB-INDICATOR 3.2 (Webb Level: 1):** Describe the functions of system software and operating systems.

**SUB-INDICATOR 3.3 (Webb Level: 2):** Describe different types and purposes of productivity software.

| Knowledge (Factual): Differentiate between system, operating and productivity software. | Understand (Conceptual): The functions and components of how software and operating systems are created, distributed, installed, and maintained. | Skills (Application): Develop a simple software application. |

**Benchmarks**
Students will be assessed on their ability to:
- Illustrate the steps in the software development process.
- Compare and contrast major operating systems and their features.
- Describe how artificial intelligence software can be used in your professional and personal life.

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**Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):**
Students will explain orally or in a writing/multimedia project how artificial intelligence software can be used in their professional and personal lives.

**INDICATOR #IT 4: Understand technology used for the Internet.**
| **SUB-INDICATOR 4.1 (Webb Level: 1):** Describe how the Internet developed |
| **SUB-INDICATOR 4.2 (Webb Level: 1):** Explain how hardware, protocols, and software work together to create the Internet |
| **SUB-INDICATOR 4.3 (Webb Level: 2):** Explain the underlying structures and technologies used to support the Internet. |

**Knowledge (Factual):** Understand technology used for the internet.  

**Understand (Conceptual):** The history, development, structure and technologies of the internet.  

**Skills (Application):** Define the internet.  

**Benchmarks**  
Students will be assessed on their ability to:  
- Create a timeline of the history of the internet.  
- Explain internet infrastructures.  
- Connect to the internet.  
- Explain web basics and how information is created and transmitted.  

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**Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):**  
Students will orally or in a writing/multi-media project explain Web Basics which shall include a definition of the internet (WWW), it’s history, it’s uses and structure.  

**INDICATOR #IT 5: Understand computer network and telecommunications technologies.**  

**SUB-INDICATOR 5.1 (Webb Level: 1):** Understand the fundamentals of data communications  

**SUB-INDICATOR 5.2 (Webb Level: 1):** List the types of media, devices, and software needed for networking services.  

**SUB-INDICATOR 5.3 (Webb Level: 1):** List and describe the popular forms of wireless technologies  

**Knowledge (Factual):** Understand computer network and  

**Understand (Conceptual):** Understand the fundamentals of  

**Skills (Application):** Create media that can be used in networking and
Telecommunications technologies. | telecommunications and networking services. | software creation. Discern the use of wireless technologies.

**Benchmarks**
Students will be assessed on their ability to:
- Identify the types of signals and transmission capacities used in telecommunications.
- Identify network operating systems and management software.
- Explain how wireless devices transmit information.

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<td>Students will explain orally or in a writing/multi-media project how wireless devices transmit information and how media can be created for software.</td>
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**INDICATOR #IT 6:** Understand the needs and uses for digital media.

**SUB-INDICATOR 6.1 (Webb Level: 1):** Understand the uses of digital media.

**SUB-INDICATOR 6.2 (Webb Level: 2):** Discuss how interactive media is used to educate and entertain.

**Knowledge (Factual):** Understand the needs and uses for digital media.

**Understand (Conceptual):** How media is used to educate and entertain.

**Skills (Application):** Explain digital media.
Benchmarks
Students will be assessed on their *ability* to:
- Covert digital files from one format to another.
- Explain copyright issues regarding digital media.
- Explain the impact of simulators on training individuals.
- Research interactive media advances in home entertainment.

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**INDICATOR #IT 7: Understand computer crime and information security.**

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<td><strong>SUB-INDICATOR 7.2 (Webb Level: 2):</strong> Discuss the threats and defenses for networks</td>
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**Knowledge (Factual):**
The importance of keeping electronic

**Understand (Conceptual):**
Understanding and preventing computer crime

**Skills (Application):**
Protecting devices, files, networks, and
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**Benchmarks**

Students will be assessed on their *ability* to:

- Identify types of machine-level security procedures.
- Define multiuser systems and how to protect them.
- Explain common threats to wireless network.
- Research famous hackers and the damage they caused.
- Explain the types of viruses and how they are spread.
- Identify key frauds, scams, and hoaxes and how to research validity of information.

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**Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):**

Students will explain orally or in a writing/multi-media project the types of viruses and how they spread. Included may be the history of the virus and past examples of computer viruses and protection software.

**INDICATOR #IT 8: Understand technology ethics in a global society.**

**SUB-INDICATOR 8.1 (Webb Level: 2):** Describe the negative and positive impacts of social media

**SUB-INDICATOR 8.2 (Webb Level: 2):** Explain the ways in which technology is used to invade personal privacy

**SUB-INDICATOR 8.3 (Webb Level: 1):** Identify ethical issues related to digital technology

**Knowledge (Factual):** Understand the impact of social media on personal privacy.

**Understand (Conceptual):** Understand the overall impact of social media on society.

**Skills (Application):** Differentiate between the appropriate and inappropriate and uses of social media.

**Benchmarks**

Students will be assessed on their *ability* to:

- Identify technology issues related to freedom of speech.
- Research technologies and the digital footprints left by them.
- Research how laws have impacted invasion of personal privacy devices.
- Explain how ethics play a role in personal, professional, and governmental use of technology.

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**INDICATOR #IT 9: Explore careers in information technology.**

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<p>| Knowledge (Factual): Skills, interests and abilities related to information technology | Understand (Conceptual): Career options available in information technology | Skills (Application): Explore how your skills, interests and abilities |</p>
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**Benchmarks**

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- SD MyLife assessments including career matchmaker and ability profiler.
- Consider the financial impact of an Information Technology career.
- Display ability to work as part of a team and take direction from others.

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**Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):**

Students will explain orally or in a writing/multi-media project the career of Information Technology. Included education needed, jobs available, areas of need and salaries...etc.

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**INDICATOR #IT 10:** Demonstrate knowledge of the software development process.

**SUB-INDICATOR 10.1 (Webb Level: 3):** Apply tools for developing software applications

**SUB-INDICATOR 10.2 (Webb Level: 2):** Demonstrate knowledge of programming structures

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develop a software application.

**Benchmarks**
Students will be assessed on their ability to:
- Use online resources to create and debug a block program.

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<td>Research the tools needed to create and implement software. Present in writing or a multi-media project.</td>
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**Additional Resources**
Please list any resources (e.g., websites, teaching guides, etc.) that would help teachers as they plan to teach these new standards.