

## **TECHNOLOGY**

The integration of curriculum and technology is essential to prepare today's students for participation in a viable democratic society. Therefore, the MCPS Career and Technical Education Curriculum Committee views technology as integral to the CTE curriculum. In this document, technology may refer to the instruments and techniques for investigations, inquiry, and analysis, as well as to technological literacy, knowledge of technologies and the associated costs, risks, and benefits to society.

## **LIBRARY MEDIA**

Teacher librarians play an essential role in curriculum implementation. They are important instructional partners and consultants in supporting and expanding existing curricula. As information specialists, teacher librarians work collaboratively with students, teachers, administrators, and parents to:

- Provide knowledge of availability and suitability of information resources to support the implementation of Montana and MCPS Standards. This is particularly relevant with the Indian Education for All Law.
- Partner in educating students, developing curricula, and integrating resources into teaching and learning.
- Serve as an expert in organizing, synthesizing, and communicating information. Acquisition, organization, and dissemination of resources to support the curricular areas through the library media center are cost-effective methods for the entire school district.
- Teach and integrate literature and information skills into the curriculum. They plan and teach collaboratively based on the needs of the student.

*(Adapted from ALA statements, and School Libraries Work!, Scholastic Library Publishing, c2008.)*

## **CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The MCPS Business curriculum supports two leading co-curricular CTSO (Career & Technical Student Organizations) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology, marketing, finance, and other related career fields. BPA (Business Professionals of America) and DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) support business and information technology educators by offering curriculum, resources, and materials based on national standards. While preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs, both BPA and DECA provide MCPS business students with the opportunity to extend their learning from the classroom to state and national competitive arenas. These CTSOs manage and operate school stores in each respective high school and provide the students with managerial and retail work experiences.