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Changes in store for Amory Schools – New Programs at Amory Vocational Center

The upcoming 2011-2012 school year holds many changes for Amory School District.

Technology programs such as Technology Discovery and Technology Applications are being revamped for Amory School District students. Amory Vocational Center will offer STEM lab and a Robotics/Engineering course during the upcoming 2011-2012 school year....Vocational Director Andy Cantrell said, “This will be the first time our Technology Discovery Program has been upgraded since the early 1990’s, so we are definitely excited....Our students will be able to develop science, technology, and engineering skills that could spark an interest and lead to a career.” The Technology Applications program has not been upgraded since the mid 1990’s...Cantrell said, “It will be another way to offer our students an opportunity to become more employable in the future.” He went on to explain that being selected to receive the grant to fund these programs reflects “the caliber of the students, teachers, and parents that are in the community.” Cantrell would also like to thank Tony Vice, Dean of Career and Technical Education of Itawamba Community College, Mayor Howard Boozer and the Board of Alderman, Mike Steele and ITT Engineered Valves, and **Tom Higgins of Concepts In Production** for their supporting documents in the grant proposal.

STEM Lab: One of the newest additions to Amory School District is the STEM lab. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The program will help students develop skills in those areas of study while exposing them to a variety of careers.

The purpose of STEM is to offer a pre-engineering program for students that will inevitably prepare them for the 21st Century workforce as well as teach them to solve problems for real-world situations.

The STEM lab will be offered to all freshmen beginning this Fall and will replace Technology Discovery.

Robotics/Engineering Course: A course in robotics/engineering will now be available to students....This course will enable students to develop the skills in technology, science, and mathematics that are necessary for gaining employment in areas such as engineering and architecture. It will replace the Technology Applications course.