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Programs at two Gwinnett schools earn industry certification

Berkmar High School and **Maxwell High School of Technology** are the latest Gwinnett schools with programs to earn industry certification. An industry-certified program represents the apex of program quality. Only those programs that have successfully undergone rigorous reviews by leaders from business and industry are recognized with this distinction. Industry certification provides many benefits for the student, the school, and the community. Most importantly, certification shows that a program is contributing to the development of a highly skilled future workforce. Schools that pursue industry certification receive a special grant provided by the Georgia legislature and are certified for a five-year period.

The recently certified programs from these two schools are:

- **Berkmar HS Construction/Welding/Metals**
 - Taught by Patrick Mahaffey, earned Construction Industry Certification from the Georgia Department of Education and Construction Education Foundation of Georgia.
- **Maxwell HS Early Childhood Education**
 - Taught by Jennifer Mundy and Karey McFall, certified by the Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Early Childhood Education Foundation.
- **Maxwell HS Construction/Welding/Metals**
 - Taught by Michael Mahaffey, earned Construction Industry Certification from the Georgia Department of Education and Construction Education Foundation of Georgia.
- **Maxwell HS Culinary Program**
 - Taught by Amanda Williams, earned Culinary Arts Industry Certification from the Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Chef.
- **Maxwell HS Auto Collision**
 - Paul Kable and Sam Melaragno teach Collision Repair and Refinishing, led that program to become industry certified in Auto Collision by the Georgia Department of Education and National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation

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