

**Southeast Tech**  
Certificate Program Overview  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Purpose:**

To provide the School Board an opportunity to learn more about Certificate Programs which provide an additional educational pathway for students.

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Certificate programs allow students to learn specific career skills in order to obtain a job or to specialize in their careers. Certificates are credit bearing programs of study which provide students with industry recognized credentials and are specifically aligned with industry recognized standards. Certificate programs can also provide an additional educational pathway for students who are interested in beginning their higher education experience.

Southeast Tech is researching the role that certificate programs can play within specific programs of study while also helping to meet the workforce needs of employers.

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**Administrative Recommendation to School Board:**

To acknowledge the Certificate Program Overview Report.