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**Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Standards Adoption & Revision –**

Item Name

TL – Standards - Powersports and Small Engine Maintenance and Repair Pathway

Recommendation – Action – Standards Adoption

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Georgia Standards of Excellence for Powersports and Small Engine Preventative Maintenance, Powersports and Small Engine Fuel Systems and Diagnostics, and Powersports and Small Engine Systems Performance Theory which will subsequently be added to the State-Funded List of K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses.

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

- Revise/develop and implement viable academic standards that engage learners with essential knowledge, skills, and enduring concepts.
- Increase the percentage of high school students who graduate ready for enrollment, employment, or enlistment.

Rationale

The Powersports and Small Engine Maintenance and Repair Pathway is proposed as a new pathway to meet the workforce demands of Grady County. The Georgia Department of Labor has identified maintenance and repair workers as needing 6,000 new workers regionally by 2028. Grady County, in partnership with WorkSource Southwest Georgia, identified a disconnect among the needs of employers that have hiring requirements for specific jobs that may not show a direct correlation to an individual's ability to perform in the job, as well as a shortage of local skilled trades' workers in the area. Cairo-Grady County has a world-renowned reputation for the motocross industry and could be a hub for the sport and reap the economic benefits. Grady County is home to Millsaps Training Facility, a highly successful organization that provides training for national caliber motocross, supercross, and arenacross athletes that compete around the world.

Details

Industry experts and educators came together to develop the standards for the three courses in this pathway. This process started in the summer of 2022 with several meetings and discussions of what should be included in these courses and standards were written in the fall of 2022. Grady County has submitted equipment lists, lab designs, and certifications with their Locally Developed Pathway.

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