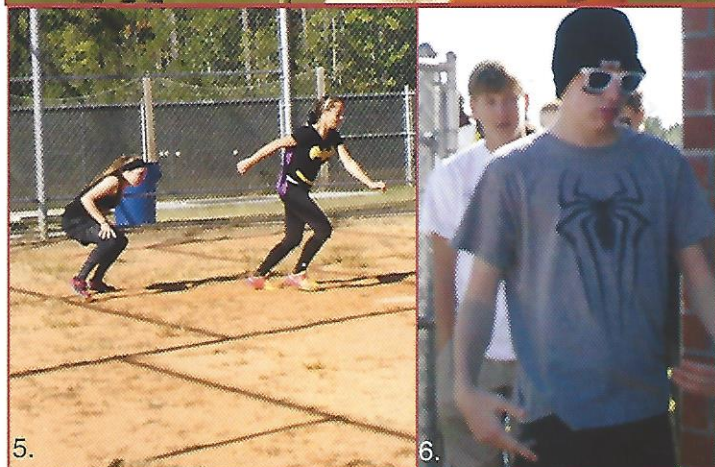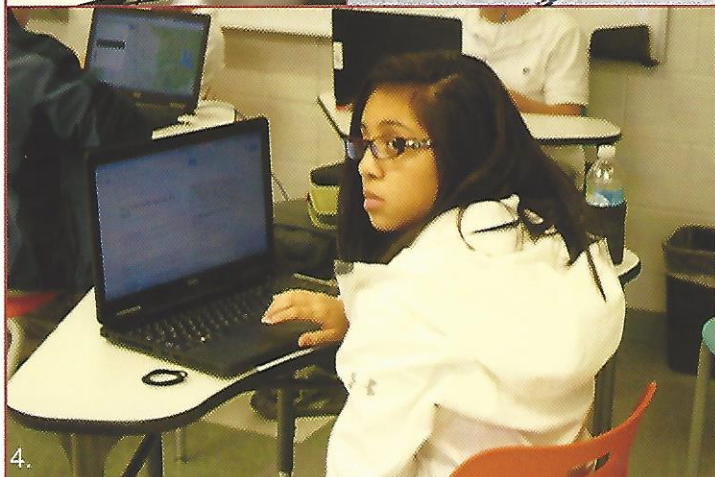# New Tech

Cougar New Tech is a project based blended learning environment, where students are engaged in real world projects. This project based learning program is in it's second year at the high school level, and is built on the foundation of trust, respect, and responsibility. While in New Tech, students gain the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in life, college, and the careers of tomorrow. It's been researched that New Tech students grow 75% more in high order thinking skills between their freshmen and senior years than those in a traditional classroom setting. New Tech helps students working school wide learning goals of knowledge, thinking, written communication, oral communication, collaboration, and agency.

Sophomore Kyle Memminger says he likes New Tech because its different and more hands on. Kyle thinks being in this program will help him be ahead more in knowledge. When asked if it is hard to depend on other people to do their part in the class he replied, " not really because they enforce the contract."

Freshman Mandre Johnson says, "being in New Tech is fun, and I've made many friends." Mandre thinks being in this program will help him get into college. He says that working in groups is easy and its easier to learn.

Freshman Deanna Munro says being in New Tech is very interesting and she thinks it will help her be more prepared for the future. When asked if it was easier to work in groups she replied,"yes, you just have to trust your classmates."

Freshman Jahmari Johnson says "being in the New Tech program is fun because students get to experience new things." Jamari says, "working in groups can be hard sometimes." His favorite thing they have done this year is Trust Day.

New Tech is not only about working hard but the kids also get to have activities. The New Tech classes took a day off on October 23 to have a Trust Day, where the kids were able to get out of their classrooms to have fun.
1. Sophomore George Crosby; 2. Freshman Alberto Sanchez; 3. Sophomore Kwasi Kirkland; 4. Freshman Alejandra Rodriguez; 5. Sophomore Samantha Calcutt and Freshman Victoria Brewington; 6. Sophomore Lake Boseman