

PRESS RELEASE

Eighth graders visit Ogeechee Tech

Starting in January and continuing through April, Ogeechee Technical College is hosting eighth graders on the college's main campus in Statesboro. Students from Bulloch, Evans, and Screven Counties are provided an opportunity to tour the campus and see first-hand the many programs of study offered by the college. In addition to the tours, students are given a TABE (a test which helps measure academic skills in reading, language, and math.) There is also a testing component that helps determine interest and aptitude for various programs of study and professions. Following testing, packets of information on each student are distributed to counselors at each school who then work with students to determine a plan for maximizing the student's opportunity to set and reach goals for their education and career.

The campus visits by the middle-school students are being provided through Governor Sonny Perdue's Stay in School initiative. A Stay in School grant is administered through Ogeechee Tech and helps provide students with information that will benefit them in choosing career paths early, and in making a positive choice to remain in school. Stay in School Project Coordinator Jeanne Anne Marsh stated, "Often all it takes for a student to stay in school is a small spark of interest in a profession that requires completion of high school and some sort of college education." "If we can create that spark in a child where it previously did not exist, we can increase the chance of a student staying in school," she further stated. Dr. Dawn Cartee, president of Ogeechee Tech said, "Encouraging students to stay in school is part of our mission." "Without a good education it will be hard for young people to be successful in today's world, and being proactive in helping them make a wise choice is what we are all about," she further commented. Anyone needing more information about the Stay in School program may call Jeanne Anne Marsh at (912) 688-6942 or email jmarsh@ogeecheetech.edu.