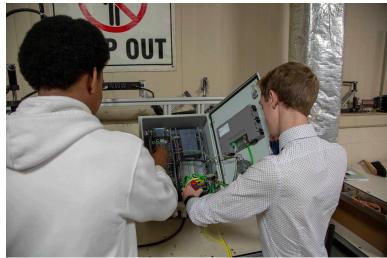
## **Technical and Career Education Center**



The Virginia Beach Technical and Career

Education Center (Tech Center) offers high school students in grades 11 and 12 the opportunity to combine academic and vocational preparation to achieve personal fulfillment, responsible citizenship, and economic self-sufficiency. With 22 programs, the Tech Center prepares students for quality, career employment and provides them with the competencies necessary to advance beyond entry-level positions. The Tech Center also prepares students for existing occupations as well as for those emerging during the coming decades. In today's extremely competitive job market, it is more important than ever to have a marketable skill. Students who complete programs at the Tech Center have the option to enter the job market directly or to continue their studies at two- or four-year colleges, community colleges, apprenticeship programs, or professional technical institutions. All Tech Center courses award three credits, and students who wish to attend must complete a Tech Center application which they may obtain from their school counselors. Students learn workplace readiness skills within the content area. Those who complete a course have the opportunity to verify their knowledge of workplace readiness skills through an industry assessment.

## Student Organizations-FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, Skills USA

Student Organizations-FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, Skills USA-are an integral part of all courses at the Technical and Career Education Center. Participation in these organizations provides opportunities for leadership development and recognition through competitive events at the local, regional, and state levels. Students are highly encouraged to participate.