Digital Lab: Adobe Certified Professional

NFHS CTE Course Proposal

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- This one-semester CTE course prepares students to become Adobe Certified Professionals by earning an industry-recognized credential (IRC) in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, or Premiere Pro.
- Through collaborative projects, self-directed test preparation, and portfolio design students master professional media tools and prepare to pass an Adobe Certification Exam.
- These IRCs enhance student resumes for college as well as employment opportunities. IRCs are recognized and promoted by the CSDE in conjunction with the modernized CTE career clusters and pathways.

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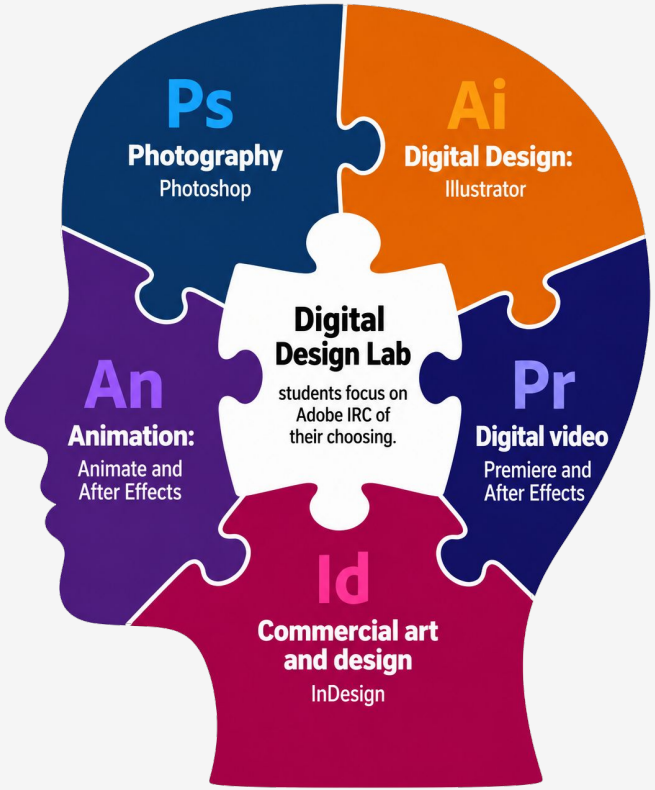

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- For Grade 11 and Grade 12 students
- **Prerequisite:** Students must successfully complete one of the following courses: Animation, Commercial Art, Digital Design, or Video Production, and receive approval from the instructor.
- The Adobe Software subscription used in current coursework will support this course.
- Course materials (Adobe Classroom in a Book series) will be aligned to specific credential pursued.
- Reallocation of existing CTE FTE, based on course enrollment, will support staffing for the course.
- Administrative tasks will entail setting up NFHS as an ADOBE certification test center, ordering tests, and coordinating test administration.

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The “rebranded” Digital Lab CTE course will augment the value of other media courses in the NFHS CTE program by providing students with opportunities to deepen their learning and skills from introductory courses through certification options in a creative pathway of interest.

While also expanding our IRC offerings, this course supports college and career readiness for students across a range of potential professional, technical, and creative career areas. It also fosters the dispositions of critical and creative thinking and a self-determined individual valued in our NFPS Vision of a Learner.

