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# **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEMO NO. 151-20**

**DATE:** February 5, 2020

**TO:** CTE Administrators

**FROM:** George R. Willcox, Director, Operations and Accountability

 Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

## SUBJECT: Announcing Spring 2020 Microsoft Imagine Academy Refresh and Recharge Workshops

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce three regional Microsoft Imagine Academy hands-on training workshops. Microsoft certification is one of the most demanding and respected endorsements in the industry. Earning a Microsoft certification, such as MS Office Excel, Networking Fundamentals or Python can help differentiate individuals in today's competitive job market, as well as broaden employment and internship opportunities by displaying advanced skills.

Are you or your teachers new to Microsoft Imagine Academy or need a review of the updated resources that are available? Do you need one-on-one assistance to kickstart the program or a fresh way to incorporate MSIA curriculum in your classroom? If so, join a MSIA veteran teacher during one of these hands-on sessions to receive a high-level overview of the program benefits, with a focus on the curriculum resources including a glimpse into the new office updates and Microsoft MakeCode curriculum. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the numerous professional development resources available that educators need to be successful in the classroom. Areas of study include Computer Science, Data Science, Productivity, and IT Infrastructure tools and software and topics include:

* Navigating Microsoft Imagine Academy
* Deep Dive in the new 2020 content
* Certification success instructional techniques and tips
* Microsoft MakeCode

The workshops will be held on the following dates and locations:

March 10, 2020 [Dinwiddie County Registration](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSLoYuexBOjRhuxVPH2uCjavFxP_u4mRx9pcR6ozls6z2I6w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Dinwiddie County High School
11501 Boisseau Road
Dinwiddie, VA 25841

March 11, 2020 [Culpeper County Registration](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeugRFy4i3ZZFsXqJ7H1L4dwyism12mHCOD0tJCGg9MP4Sthw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1)

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Eastern View High School
16332 Cyclone Way
Culpeper, VA 22701

March 12, 2020 [Tazewell County Registration](https://forms.gle/AAyNAJTx18qh3ZzFA)

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Stephen Peery Center
637 Hope Street
Tazewell, VA 24651

There is no registration fee but pre-registration is required. Participants are responsible for all meals, travel-related expenses, and lodging, if needed. This is an allowable Perkins expenditure if included in the approved local plan. Specific parking and school entry instructions, local dining, and other travel instructions will be sent following the completed registration.

If you have questions, please contact Judith P. Sams, Microsoft Imagine Academy Specialist, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, at cte@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 371-0196.

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