



Technical Education

"Annual Beyond Phoenix Program"

On Friday, January 21st and Thursday, February 17th, students enrolled in a Technical Educational course during 2nd period participated in the "Annual Beyond Phoenix Program" with Debra Lassiter an instructor with Perfectly Polished, The Etiquette School. The school serves as a teaching laboratory for the Etiquette and Leadership Institute's training and certification program. The Etiquette and Leadership Institute is the nation's leader in training and certifying etiquette consultants to teach children, teens and collegians. The "Annual Beyond Phoenix Program" main focused was on Etiquette Program and the Dining Program of the Institute.

The Etiquette program takes unprepared, self-conscious young people lacking in social know-how and transform them into prepare, self-confident, and socially adept young people who are respectful of others. Sample topics in the etiquette program included:

- Social and Communication Skills
- Remembering Names
- Polite Conversation
- Handshaking for All Ages
- Introductions Made Easy
- Interview Skills

The Dining Program offered young people confidence-building skills in party and dining situations. The dining tutorials program was fun but with an instructional focus. It prepared students for appropriate and proper dining etiquette. Sample of the topics included:

- Host, Hostess and Guest Duties
- Table Manners at Home and in Restaurants

Both programs were interactive and taught courtesy and respect through role-playing exercises. Students took a pre and post survey in reference to the etiquette and dining skills.