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## MORSE HIGH SCHOOL GOES ALL-IN ON CYBERSECURITY

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The Foundations of Information Technology classes in this San Diego Unified school are getting a first-hand introduction to cybersecurity as a result of a unique partnership between SDCOE and their teacher, Janet Ouadah.



Ouadah shared, “The partnership began when I went to the ePortal meeting and was talking with Jewyl Clarke (SDCOE career pathways specialist) about my desire to have guest speakers come to my classes to discuss interesting topics involving careers in computer science as well as interesting topics involving computers. She recommended the Cybersecurity team from SDCOE.”

Ouadah didn’t end there. She went on to integrate a variety of activities in her classroom on the topic of cybersecurity. In class, the students did an online activity called “Day of Cyber” where they experience the life of security experts. The students also played online games such as *Case of the Cyber Criminal* and watched videos on the FTC site about how to prevent someone from hacking into a computer as well as how to protect the computer from malware.

By the time the SDCOE Cybersecurity team arrived for a data security awareness presentation and career pathway Q&A, the audience of students in grades 9 through 12 were well-prepared to ask probing and intelligent questions.

“One of my goals for the partnership is to introduce my students to professionals in the computer science area and get them interested in studying computers and hopefully have a career in computers. Another goal is to have students protect themselves using computers in the area of social media and to understand how to not get hacked.”

If you’re interested in learning more about this collaboration, visit [www.SDePortal.org](http://www.SDePortal.org).