Work Exploration Program

Steps to Success

- Local businesses who permit students to use their facilities for effective job training.
- Supportive administration, staff, and teachers who realize the importance of the Work Exploration Program and the student preparation that is required to successfully enter the world of work.
- Experienced school staff to supervise and work alongside students at job sites.
- Supportive family members who encourage and help their students understand and respect the workplace rules and expectations.

Program goals include development of skills in the following areas:

- Career exploration
- Making informed choices
- Communications skills
- Social skills
- Job specific skills
- Job seeking and job keeping skills
- Career decision-making skills
- Self-determination and self-advocacy

For more information on the Work Exploration Program contact:

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Helping youth explore job opportunities in their community.
**WHAT is a Work Exploration Program?**

- An opportunity for students to explore job opportunities in their community.
- An extension of the classroom where students develop work skills at community businesses.
- An opportunity designed to build student's self-confidence and self-advocacy skills.

**WHO benefits from a Work Exploration Program?**

- Students gain valuable work and social skills.
- Communities acquire enthusiastic, productive individuals empowered to become independent citizens.

**WHY should businesses participate in a Work Exploration Program?**

- Work Exploration Programs give the business community the opportunity to work with students and prepare them for employment.
- Work Exploration Programs help students transition from the classroom to the working world.

**WHEN do Work Exploration Programs take place?**

- During school hours
- From age 16 to high school graduation

**WHERE do Work Exploration Students train?**

Innovative community and business leaders provide a variety of job sites for community-based training.

*Our students work at large and small businesses such as...*

- Restaurants
- Fast Food Establishments
- Grocery Stores
- Banks and Credit Unions
- Professional Offices
- Car Dealerships
- Automotive Centers
- Hospitals and departments:  
  - Food Service
  - Laundry
  - Medical Records
  - Purchasing
  - Maintenance
- Child Care Centers
- Hotels
- Book Stores
- Veterinary Offices
- Animal Shelters
- Fitness Centers
- Convenience Stores
- Floral and Gift Shops
- Hair Salons
- Farmers Markets
- Pharmacies
- Warehouses
  ...and many more.