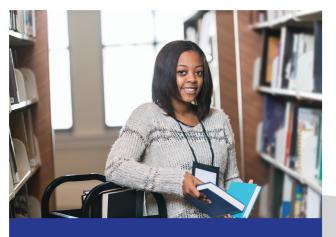


# Work Exploration PROGRAM Steps to Success

- 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.



### **Work Exploration Program**

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:

## Work Exploration PROGRAM



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 · Hotels
- Grocery Stores
- · Banks and Credit Unions
- Professional Offices
- Car Dealerships
- Automotive Centers
- · Hospitals and departments: · Floral and Gift Shops
  - Food Service
  - Laundry
  - Medical Records
  - Purchasing
  - Maintenance

- Child Care Centers
- Book Stores
- Veterinary Offices
- Animal Shelters
- Fitness Centers
- Convenience Stores
- Hair Salons
- Farmers Markets
- Pharmacies
- Warehouses
  - ... and many more.







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