



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:

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Helping youth explore job opportunities in their community.



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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...

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



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