



Work-Based Learning at East Kentwood High School

Students at East Kentwood High School have many opportunities to explore careers through work-based learning. These experiences can be internships, career launches, and work experiences or job shadows – all part of the curriculum to connect school to the world of work.

Mr. Cary Mannaberg is the instructor for the internship class which is offered each trimester. East Kentwood has an excellent relationship with many area businesses, who have agreed to offer internships.

Before the end of each school year, students are encouraged to sign up for the opportunity to do an internship in the fall. It is then the responsibility of the student to choose a business before the trimester begins. At the end of the trimester, each student is required to do a class presentation summarizing the experience. The school closely monitors the internships making sure each student and business benefit from the experience.

Through these experiences, students have the opportunity to apply academic knowledge to the world of work. They see, first-hand, how to apply what they've learned in the classroom and the value of that classroom experience.

Why Work-Based Learning Experiences?

- They help students clarify their personal goals and hopefully determine their career path before going to college.
- They broaden and inform students' choices for careers.
- They help students develop self-confidence by giving them learning responsibilities and linking them with the broader community outside of school.
- They offer hands-on learning opportunities to reinforce academic instruction.

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Mission Statement

To promote and facilitate Work-Based Learning opportunities for the Kent County, MI K-12 community.

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Parents

Are you aware of the six Career Pathways recognized by the State of Michigan and local school districts?

The six pathways are:

Arts & Communications

Business, Management, Marketing & Technology

Engineering/Manufacturing & Industrial Technology

Health Sciences

Human Sciences

Natural Resources & Agriscience

These pathways are broad groupings of careers that share similar characteristics. They help students focus on career areas that match their interests and provide meaningful connections to the world of work.

For more information, visit

http://www.workpaths.com/rs_pathways.php

Check Out This Website: www.college.gov

A new website, www.college.gov, was developed by the U. S. Department of Education in collaboration with a group of students. This site has a wealth of information and resources regarding planning, preparing and paying for post-secondary education. It is hoped that www.college.gov will provide inspiration to all students and encourage them to consider and pursue post-secondary education.

In building this site, students were asked what information was most useful as they plan for college. This site is still evolving and you can help influence the process by visiting the contact page to submit questions, suggestions and feedback.

Who should use? All students, parents and educators are encouraged to visit this site!

Educators

Are you using www.workpaths.com for career speakers? Also, are you looking for new members for your Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committees? You can search the workpaths.com data base for employers who are willing to serve.

Do You Know SODA?

SODA is the Kent Intermediate School District's Career Planning acronym for:

Self-Awareness – understanding and knowing yourself based on interest, abilities, values and achievement test results.

Option Awareness – understanding and realizing all of the career, education, employment and training opportunities from which to choose.

Decision Making – Determining the match between yourself and your opportunities.

Action Planning – Identifying and recording the steps toward your goal on your Educational Development Plan (EDP).

Educators – Are you incorporating SODA in your curriculum?

Employers

In the “Deloitte Business in Education” survey, 71% of all respondents believed that businesses should increase their involvement in education.

An overwhelming majority of educators (94%) are very enthusiastic about getting businesses to encourage their employees to get involved in education, and 76% felt the best way to do this is by offering better flexible time-off policies to volunteer. Do you offer this opportunity to your employees?

One easy way to get involved in education is to join the growing list of participating employers on workpaths.com. Contact Anna Kruse at info@workpaths.com for more information.