

## Great Xplorations

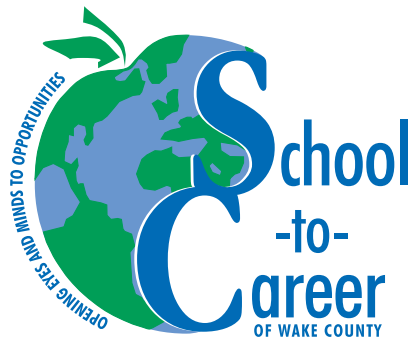
School-to-Career of Wake County is providing a unique opportunity for 2,500 middle and high schools students to learn about a wide variety of careers by talking to area business leaders.

Please consider representing your career and company.

Complete the on-line reservation form by November 7:

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## Great Xplorations Career Fair



6th-Annual

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November 21, 2008

9 AM to 12 PM

Jane S. McKimmon Center  
1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh

The mission of School-to-Career of Wake County is to prepare every student to make knowledgeable career choices through academic rigor and work-based learning experiences. This requires a systematic, comprehensive, community-wide effort.

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## How You Can Help

Volunteer to share your career knowledge with the workforce of tomorrow.



Join 150 local businesses who set up display tables and have conversations with students about various careers in their business or organization.



Volunteers talk to students about the varied components that comprise their career; high school preparation, postsecondary educational requirements, technology employed in their jobs, and character aspects of employment such as criminal background checks and drug screening requirements.



You don't need to know all of the answers. You just need to share what you know with the students and help them as they explore all of the career options that await them.



## Our Goals

Our goal is to expose students to a wide variety of career options, and to make crucial connections with adults who might be working in the students' chosen career area.



Connecting school to career provides relevancy to the school curriculum, helps students plan their course selections, and connects secondary to postsecondary education.



Students are prepared before the career fair by their Career Development Coordinator. Students are taught appropriate dress, questions to ask, and the importance of handshakes and eye contact.



Each student receives a booklet in which to record his or her experience. This booklet has suggested questions to ask and space to document career discussions.



## Career Fair

Tables will be provided for displays and other visuals. Electrical outlets are available for a limited number of tables.



Participating businesses are requested to setup between 8:00 AM and 8:45 AM.



Students arrive professionally dressed and prepared to engage in career discussions beginning at 9:00 AM. Each student group will stay approximately one and a half hours with the last group departing at 12:00 PM.



We organize all careers into 16 career clusters to enable the students to think about how careers are related to each other. Your table will be identified with the name of one or more career cluster. Students interested in careers in a certain career cluster can target those businesses.

