

School-to-Career is a system...

School-to-Career of Wake County is a systemic effort to infuse relevant and realistic experiences into classroom curriculum.

School-to-Career is a collaboration...

School-to-Career of Wake County is a collaborative effort between the business community and the school system to enhance curriculum and provide additional learning opportunities for both teachers and students.

School-to-Career is for all students...

School-to-Career of Wake County is a county-wide, K-12 initiative to prepare all students to be career focused and globally competitive.

The mission of School-to-Career 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.

Essential principles of School-to-Career...

- promote high standards of academic learning and performance for all young people
- incorporate industry-valued standards that help shape curricula and lead to respected, portable credentials
- provide opportunities for contextual learning
- help to create smaller, more effective learning communities
- expand opportunities for all young people and expose them to a broad array of careers
- provide program continuity between K-12 and postsecondary education and training
- provide work-based learning that is directly tied to classroom learning
- assist employers in providing high quality work-based learning opportunities
- connect young people with supportive adults, mentors, and other role models

School-to-Career involves:

- **Students** - who participate in career fairs, job shadowing, internships, and other School-to-Career activities.
- **Business and Employer Representatives** - who serve as a resource for teachers and administrators to support School-to-Career activities such as job shadowing, internships, and classroom speakers.
- **Teachers** - who work to integrate relevance into the core curriculum and add academic rigor throughout all classes.
- **School System Administrators** - who make it possible for School-to-Career activities to take place at their schools and in the community for their students.
- **Parents** - who see the benefit of their children participating in School-to-Career activities.

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School-to-Career Council

A collaborative partnership
between business and education



SCHOOL-TO-CAREER COUNCIL

Business Alliances

Business Alliances are an integral part of the educational process in Wake County. Business Alliances provide expertise, contacts and service to thousands of Wake County students.

The mission of the school-based Business Alliances is to combine the efforts of the school and area business partners to benefit individual students and the community through collaborative activities that underscore the value of education and the relationship between education and career opportunities.

Through career-related activities, business leaders can help prepare students to be productive future employees of North Carolina.

These activities include:

- Career Fairs
- Practice Job Interviews
- Graduation Projects
- Business Ethics Seminars
- Guest Speaking
- Dropout Prevention
- Resume Reviews
- Site Tours

The work of the volunteers on school-based Business Alliances is led by a county-wide group of business volunteers and educators. This group is known as the Wake County Business Alliance Leadership Team.

Career Pathway Employer Teams

More than 100 volunteers representing all areas of business, agencies, and government make up the Career Pathway Employer Team (CPET) committee of the School-to-Career Council.

The mission of School-to-Career CPET is to provide students with opportunities for:

- Career exploration and development
- Work-based-learning experiences
- Valuing education as preparation for career development

CPETs support the improvement and development of curricula and facilities for CTE (Career-Technical Education) courses.

CPETs identify current and future job trends and make recommendations.

CPETs cooperate and collaborate among employers, schools, and postsecondary education.

Each CPET is linked to one of the 11 Career Pathways

Agricultural and Natural Resources Technologies
Arts and Sciences
Biological and Chemical Technologies
Business Technologies
Commercial and Artistic Production Technologies
Construction Technologies
Engineering Technologies
Health Sciences
Industrial Technologies
Public Service Technologies
Transport Systems Technologies

Career Academy Advisory Boards

What we do in the classroom must be relevant to the "real world." Career academies are one way to bring relevance to the classroom. Studies have shown that smaller learning communities, such as career academies, can mitigate the impersonal nature of the large, comprehensive high school. Career academies personalize the experience for our students by giving them a cohort group of students that support each other throughout high school. This personalization helps keep the students engaged in school and keeps them from dropping out.

Each career academy has an advisory board comprised of business leaders, educators, and others in the community that meet regularly to discuss the progress and accomplishments of the academy.

The advisory board members:

- Find work-based-learning experiences for students
- Encourage valuing school as preparation for careers
- Help integrate academics with work
- Keep track of employment trends
- Help develop and improve CTE curriculum

Career Academies in Wake County include:

- Information Technology
- Finance
- Medical Science
- Construction Technology
- Communication Technology