



Apex Friendship High School Academy of Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing

Job Shadowing

What is job shadowing?

Job shadowing:

- Exposes students to career opportunities.
- Provides an opportunity for a student to network with professionals.
- Introduces students to the requirements of professions and industries to help them prepare to join the workforce of the 21st century.
- Identifies the skills, qualities, training, and education needed to succeed on the job.
- Demonstrates the connections between academics and careers making class work more relevant
- Provides exciting reasons why students should apply themselves in school
- Creates a critical link between education and success

Classroom exercises conducted prior to and following the job shadow experience are designed to help students connect their experience to their course work and relate the visits directly to career pathways, related skill requirements, and postsecondary educational options.

What does it take to host a Job Shadow? (IT'S EASY!)

Job shadowing doesn't need to take a lot of time or effort. It can take a little as just a few hours. Simply allowing a student to shadow you for a morning or afternoon at your place of work in your daily activities and taking some time to talk to them about your work, your role, your industry and your experiences can give a student a sense of a job in your company or industry. All of us have taken different paths to success - and it is this knowledge that there are diverse paths to success that is invaluable to our students.

What are some of the other benefits of hosting a job shadow?

- Builds community partnerships between schools and businesses that enhance the educational experience of all students.
- Encourages an ongoing relationship between young people and caring adults.
- Provides another easy way to showcase you and your company by engaging and giving back to the community
- Impact a young person's life in a fun way

How do I get involved?

Please contact Diane Cadavid (dcadavid@wcpss.net) for additional information or support.