

## What is Career Pathways?

White Bear Lake Area High School students enrolled in Career Pathways courses learn industry-specific skills and, in some courses, may earn free college credit and industry-recognized credentials. Students are involved in engaging, hands-on classroom and field experiences, such as internships, connecting with local industry professionals, touring local businesses, and other experiential learning opportunities. Participants of Career Pathways develop essential skills and experience needed to either enter the workforce directly with a high paying career or further their education at a two or four year post-secondary institution.

Which Pathways are currently offered in White Bear Lake Area Schools?

- Automotive
- Business
- Construction Skilled Trades
- Education
- Health & Wellness
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing & Engineering

Additional pathways continue to emerge based on workforce needs.

# SFAOS STUDENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WHO is Pathways for?

Career Pathways are for everyone! Whether you plan to start your career after high school or pursue a post-secondary degree; there is something for everyone!

#### CAN I be in more than one Pathway?

Students are encouraged to explore all the pathway opportunities. For those who have chosen a specific pathway, we recommend you register for the specific pathway along with your new classes for the upcoming school year.

#### WHY would I sign up for a specific career pathway during registration?

Students who are dedicated to a specific career pathway will receive additional support from WBL Career Pathways as they make post-secondary plans.

#### WHAT if I can't take all the classes?

That's OK! We understand students have a packed schedule and are engaged in a variety of other school activities. We encourage you to take as many classes as you can to help you make informed decisions about your future. And don't worry, you can still participate in all the fun opportunities.

## HOW do I get involved?

You can 1.) be added to the school email list for upcoming events and opportunities; 2.) register for a specific career pathway course; or 3.) register for a non-credit bearing career pathway for the upcoming school year.

HAVE more questions? Ask away!

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SERVING THE COMMUNITY by aligning educational opportunities with workforce needs. **HELPING STUDENTS** make informed decisions about their future career and college paths.



## WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS



## Career PATHWAYS at ISD 624

## Pathways Currently Offered

	Business
Construction Skilled Trades	<b>Education</b>
💓 Healthcare & Wellness	Information Technology
Manufacturing & Engineering	

Talk to your school counselor about which classes offer college credit options.

## The Benefits of Career Pathways

- Build employability skills
- College credit opportunities
- Explore all your post-secondary options
- Industry recognized credentials
- Job shadows
- Paid internships





## Highest Demand Jobs in Minnesota

#### AUTOMOTIVE

- Automotive Body & Repair
- Diesel Mechanic
- Heavy Equipment Operator
  Service Technician G
- Service Technician & Mechanic

#### **BUSINESS**

- Accounting
- Finance

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- Human Resources
- Management &
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing & Sales

#### CONSTRUCTION SKILLED TRADES

- Carpenter
- Electrician
- HVAC
- Laborer
- Operating Engineer
- Plumber & PipefitterWelder

#### EDUCATION

- Childcare Worker
- Early Childhood Education Teacher
- Elementary Education Teacher
- Secondary Education Teacher
- Social Work
- Special Education Teacher

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Mental Health Services
- Nurse Practitioner
- Pharmacy Technician
- Radiologic Technician
- Registered Nurse
- Rehabilitation Therapy

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Computer Programmer
- Computer User Support
  Specialist
- Cybersecurity
- Network & Systems Analyst
- Software Developer
- Web Developer

## MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING

- Assembler & Fabricator
- Civil Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Industrial Engineer
- Machinist & Operator
- Mechanical Engineer
- Packaging & Handling

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. Visit www.bit.ly/MNJobsList to view ranks, wages, projected growth rates, education requirements, and more.

# HOW do I get Involved?

## **STUDENTS:**

#### **GET EXPOSURE**

Request to be on the email list by emailing the Career Pathways team, talk to your school counselor, or stop by the College and Career Center.

#### **EXPLORE**

Register for a pathway class.

#### DECIDE

Register for a specific career pathway during registration for the upcoming school year.

#### **INDUSTRY PARTNERS:**

Choose from a menu of options that will address your workforce needs:

- Apprentice readiness
- College & Career Center visits
- Employment
- Field trips
- Hiring table

- Guest speaking
- Internships
- Job shadows
- Job site tours
- Scholarships
- Much more!
- In addition to industry-specific skills, WBL Career Pathways helps students focus and develop valuable employability skills, including:
  - Effective communication
  - Critical thinking
  - Project management
  - Teamwork

- Time management
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making
- Listening

