



CENTER PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Industry Partners

FIND YOUR
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Welcome to Center Professional Studies, Center School District's pathway programs that provide students future-ready experiences. Center Professional Studies provides experiential learning in which students and instructors work on real-world, project-based content. Collaborating with industry, colleges and technical programs, students' course work will progress through academic pathways that lead to post-secondary educational opportunities and professional careers.

CENTER PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROVIDES UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS TO GAIN REAL EXPERIENCES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

We believe that the future depends on students exploring and pursuing their passions through profession-based experiences while in our Center schools. This allows our students to learn about business practices, engineering, health and science, entrepreneurship, creativity, professionalism and much more through hands-on projects and collaborating with industry experts. Innovation and creativity will spark the future careers of our students and we are giving those experiences through Center Professional Studies.



CENTER YOUR FUTURE

OUR PARTNERS

Our partners work collaboratively with us to foster a climate that builds two-way communication and mutually beneficial relationships. Our students gain real-world experience working on industry-driven projects and our partners gain a future employee who they helped train and grow. Together we are developing our students into qualified employees - many students who are continuing internships and full-time job opportunities as a result of their project experience. This is investment.

MADE SMART

In our elementary, middle and high school we encourage our students to navigate choices and interests. With parental support, we push our students to take challenging courses like Advanced Placement, Dual Credit and advanced math. We encourage our community to talk to our students about college, internships and careers too. Our partners walk side-by-side with us ushering our students into professional experiences that prepare them for the future.



MARKET VALUE ASSETS

01

ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCES

with real-world projects tied to job opportunities

02

CAREER EXPERIENCES

such as job shadowing & internships

03

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS (IRCS)

04

COLLEGE CREDIT

earned while in high school, Advanced Placement & Dual Credit

93 PERCENT

of students who take a concentration of Career & Technical courses graduate from high school, about 10 percent higher than the national average for all students.

50 PERCENT

of Career & Technical learners are enrolled in programs in the leading fields like Health Care, Information & Technology and STEAM.

75 PERCENT

of students in Career & Technical courses go on to enroll in postsecondary education after graduation.

45 PERCENT

of students say Career & Technical courses provide real world examples that help them better understand academic classes.

ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL

Center Professional Studies fosters an environment of academic success and opportunities. Professional studies paths provide specific knowledge and skill obtainment related to the workforce and industry.

INDUSTRY BASED

Professional studies offer opportunities for students to learn through industry-related opportunities.

OUR PATHWAYS ARE DESIGNED FOR WORKFORCE READINESS WITHIN INDUSTRY NEEDS

- Employers consistently look for students who are prepared for the workforce through intentional coursework, projects and internships.
- Employers consistently look for college graduates who've had preparation for the workforce through experience and internships.
- Employers are looking for local talent to stay in local industry.
- Employers are looking to retain top talent.

OUR GOAL IS TO ALIGN OUR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM WITH WORKFORCE NEEDS. WE BELIEVE ALL STUDENTS SHOULD GET RELEVANT, MEANINGFUL PROJECT EXPERIENCE WHILE IN OUR CENTER PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM. WE ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS TO TAKE HIGH DEMAND COURSES TO BETTER PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE.



CENTER PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PARTNERS

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

University of Missouri - Kansas City

School of Education

Bloch School of Business

School of Nursing

Metropolitan Community Colleges

Drury University

Rockhurst University

Kansas City University - School of Medicine and Bioscience

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

State Street

Black and Veatch

Burns and McDonnell

Truman Medical Center

Honeywell

KC HealthTracks

NICE (National Institute for Construction Excellence)

South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

EDUCATION PARTNERS

Business Finance Institute

Herndan Career Center

Missouri Innovations Campus

Summit Technology Academy

Health Sciences Academy

Center for Advanced Professional Studies - CAPS Network

PREP-KC

Project Lead the Way

KC STEM Alliance

YEP (Young Entrepreneur Program) KC



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