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Community Conversation

Butler Tech Bioscience Center

Parents of Lakota students receiving services from Butler Tech

Why Choose

Handouts/brought up in class in 7th grade

- Interesting topics
- Specific field – helpful
- Better idea of adult work

Skill set of student lead them to choose

- Discussion with parent
- How they learn best

Limited slots in the Butler Tech program

Get toe in something with job at end

→ Check it out first before dollars spent

Teach for job market

- Eg – Computer tech jobs not filled
- Big rigs will need techs
 - Computer savvy – Sophisticated jobs
 - Like a lab partner with Butler Tech to promote these changed industries

← Change the perceptions of the type of work this is

These kids are college bound

- Experience job shadowing – Careful with dollars

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And still go to college

Start career ed earlier (young, elementary)

High school is a drama – “I’m serious about a career”

- Greater comfort and awareness about this/any alternate path – not college
- By parents and school
- That it is different

Educate the parents about this whole concept

Change language to “post-secondary” and every kid is different

Career ed → Post high school job → College

Disconnect between what companies need and what is getting taught in tech school

Each student needs a personal plan

Start in Butler Tech to get a career school so a job pays for college

And/or into Cincinnati State and do a coop and then to U.C.

Still get to allow/facilitate many career changes

Life skills that go with “career”

Need basic skills even before we get to financial literacy

What did you learn?

More hands on; more expected

Better problem solver, thinker, adapts

Has built his character

-- “I can do this!”

The younger the more open to trying things

- Expose to many options, interesting or not
- And do better adaption

Butler Tech brought to question back

- Not just knowing the answer

Teachers with industry experience who ask better questions

Find what students like and bring it out of them

How do I explain what my “adult” kid is going to do

-- No more excuses because my kid gets _____

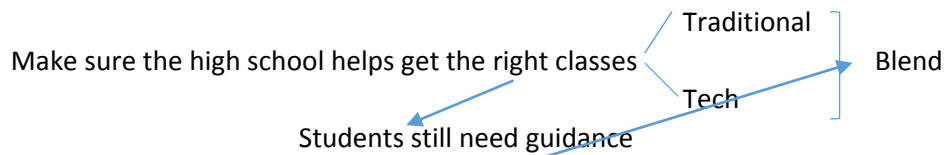
The student drove the parents into Butler Tech experience
- They knew better

I learned to ask my student what they think
- This teaches critical thinking so they can live into the future

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Solve those problems

Career teach is higher tech

There might still be a gap for some students between college and higher tech



Even if student is laser focused
- Road map to goal

Guidance through career blocks

- Expose kids to more than the laser
Eg. → Med school = Good at organic chemistry

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But nuclear medicine

Identify career branches from the root interest

Start with love what you do

Bring in industry people

Where do we get this info as parents?

Check that a job is there

More opportunities to talk to students like colleges get

Change perception of peers and community