

## **PATHFINDER APPRENTICESHIP:**

The Pathfinder Apprenticeship options include CareerWise Colorado, Dept. of Labor Registered, and other Industry-Recognized Apprenticeships that are all forms of employer-driven experiential learning comprised of the following elements:

- Paid on-the-job training
- Related classroom instruction that increases the student/employee's skill level and wages
- Industry-recognized credential or certificate

# WHY SHOULD YOU HIRE A YOUTH APPRENTICE?

- Reduce turnover costs and increase your employee retention rate
- Recruit and develop and highly trained workforce for hard-to-fill positions
- Create industry-driven and flexible training solutions to meet your organization's needs
- Positive ROI based on the value of apprentices' productivity

#### **AN APPRENTICE IS:**

- A junior or senior in high school, age 16 min.
- Pre-screened to ensure readiness for an apprenticeship and that attendance and other requirements are met
- Trained on workplace expectations through an intensive boot-camp
- Productive and profitable within a short time on the job

### **HOURS & SCHEDULE**

- 2-4 years depending on industry and credential earned
- Approximate hours during school year:
  - Junior Yr 12-16 hrs/week
  - Senior Yr 20-24 hrs/weekly
- Apprenticeships can be scheduled in the morning or afternoon depending on your needs or student schedule requirements

# **EMPLOYER EXPECTATIONS**

- Hire apprentices to fill challenging, entrylevel roles
- Provide students with the experiences and training needed to evolve into full time employees capable of filling critical positions
- Participate in site visit from teacher and complete evaluation form
- Background check required for persons who will be primarily working with the student

Let's build your apprentice program today! Contact Susan Scott, Business Community Coordinator susan.scott@thompsonschools.org or 970.613.5081