



Co-op, Internship, Job Shadow

Through dynamic school/business partnerships, carefully designed and supervised work-based learning experiences assist students in honing technical proficiencies and polish professional skills, giving them the essential edge to successfully compete in today's global and local workplace market.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Students at The Academy can select from a wide array of school-to-career activities. Approved internships, job shadowing, apprenticeship preparation, clinical work experience and cooperative work experience provide students the opportunity to excel in their field of study.

CAREER COUNSELING services are provided through individual and group counseling that includes career decision-making, employability skills and personal adjustment. Communication with parents and district guidance counselors is also maintained. Additional guidance support services are provided to students with disabilities that have been mainstreamed into a program at The Academy.

COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE combines career and technical classroom study with paid productive work in a field related to the students' academic and career goals. Cooperative work experience enhances a student's technical, interpersonal and decision-making skills through a carefully designed and supervised training plan. Through a dynamic school-business partnership, cooperative work experience helps students develop the professional skills necessary to compete in today's challenging workplace. It is also sometimes referred to as work study.

JOB SHADOWING is a structured, unpaid work-based learning experience which allows students to shadow an employee during a specific event/activity in order to gain a greater awareness of the scope of the job.

INTERNSHIPS are structured, unpaid work-based learning experiences which allow students to intern for a limited period of time. Interning affords the student the opportunity to concurrently explore a career field, develop skills and network with professionals in the industry.

APPRENTICESHIPS are highly structured training programs, usually sponsored by labor organizations or private industry. Many courses prepare students who are interested in pursuing a certified apprenticeship after graduation. Some apprenticeship programs offer advanced standing.

SERVICE LEARNING usually refers to community-based volunteer projects conducted in collaboration with local agencies or non-profit organizations.

CUSTOMER SERVICE provides a simulated work environment within the school setting and involves "live work".

CAREER-RELATED PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES involve a collaborative relationship with a business/industry partner to provide students with work related experiences through mentoring, Junior Achievement and similar experiences.

WORKPLACE MENTOR is designated as the advocate for a particular student and who works in consultation with classroom teachers, counselors, related service personnel, and the employer of the student to design and monitor the progress of the school-to-work activities of the student.

SCHOOL-TO-CAREER TRANSITION services are available to all students who require assistance to successfully bridge the transition from school to the world of work. The content includes such areas as finding employment, filling out job applications, completing resumes, interviewing skills, appropriate work related attitudes and internship opportunities.