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In 2019, business leaders from across KC's Northland came together to compare notes on the qualities needed from employees. This discussion evolved into a list of attributes necessary for high school students BEFORE they moved onto college, vocational training, the military, or the workforce. The group created A Portrait of a Graduate, citing seven unique qualities a student should possess.

A deeper dive into how best to bring these qualities to the classroom determined that it was time to **boldly** redefine the high school experience.

Students attending all four high schools within NKC Schools will engage with business partners through authentic pathways programs.

- ▶ School of Business, Leadership & Entrepreneurship
- ▶ School of Design, Innovation & Technology
- ▶ School of Health & Wellness
- ▶ School of Human & Public Services

These experiences will provide work-based learning opportunities for students benefitting the business community both now and later.

NKC Schools' College and Career Pathways allow businesses to collaborate in shaping the future workforce by working with students in ways ranging from job shadowing and guest speaking opportunities to internships and mentorships for individual students or groups of students.

Your business can benefit from students in your workplace. You can act as a mock interviewer. You can speak to a class. You can host a teacher, so they will see firsthand what your business does. Please work with NKC Schools to create the kind of worker you want to hire as we prepare students for life after graduation.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Guest speaker
- ▶ Job shadowing
- ▶ Mentoring
- ▶ Internships for students
- ▶ Externships for teachers
- ▶ More opportunities available

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We want to engage our community in providing work-based learning opportunities for students. There are several different ways to do this:

1 Guest Speaking

The plan is for every high school freshman to hear from a guest speaker as they learn ABOUT work. We will need speakers from health care, government, manufacturing, small businesses, large businesses, franchises, retail, food service, to name a few. We will make arrangements for you to speak and determine where your expertise best fits within one of our four career pathways. You may speak in person or virtually. You can talk one time or multiple times throughout the school year.

2 Job Shadowing

Job shadowing provides high school sophomores the opportunity to experience your company or organization in real-time as they learn ABOUT work. The students could shadow for a partial or full day based on availability. We would make the arrangements for you based on specific questions and goals.

3 Business Partner Client-Based Projects

The goal for a client-based project would be to allow high school juniors to learn THROUGH work. These projects let students collaborate with businesses to develop solutions to work-based challenges. Students would work on a project – both in the business itself and in the classroom – and then present a potential solution to your organization for feedback.

4 Student Internships

Internships are for seniors in high school learning FOR work. Optimally, students would report to your business or organization for one half day, every other day per week (6-10 hours) for a semester. Goals would be mutually set to ensure everyone is on the same page and provide clarity for both the business/organization and the student.

5 Teacher Externships

We want to offer many opportunities for our students. We also want our teachers to gain first-hand knowledge to better tie what they teach to the experience. Ideally, we would like to see educators spend one day with your organization.

Contact Us



READY TO GET INVOLVED?

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