

CAREER OPTIONS

JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

Unlocking Possibilities, Empowering Lives

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS



Our Mission

The Career Options program is designed to prepare students for life after high school by offering a full continuum of job training and independent living opportunities, ranging from program-based experiences to competitive, community-based employment. Our goal is to support students as they explore career paths, build real-world skills, and connect with resources that will serve them into adulthood.

What WE Offer

Program-Based Jobs

Structured, in-school tasks that help students develop foundational work habits such as staying on task, producing quality work, and increasing task completion and efficiency.

School-Based Enterprises

Hands-on learning through student-run businesses, like Nightingale's Coffee Shop or Greenhouse Operations, that build skills in customer service, money handling, and product management in a real-time setting.

District-Based Internships

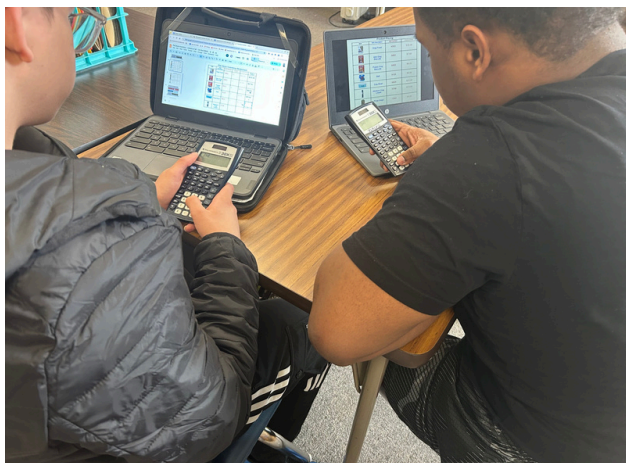
Career exploration within the school district through job placements in areas such as preschool, food service, clerical, and maintenance, helping students practice workplace behaviors and build job-specific competencies.

Community-Based Job Training

Supervised, real-world work experiences in community settings where students apply and transfer learned skills while gaining independence, confidence, and adaptability.

Competitive Employment

Supported entry into paid employment for students prepared for integrated work environments, with a focus on workplace readiness and sustained success in the workforce.



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Career Exploration and Individual Transition Planning

Students engage in career exploration to discover their preferences, interests, needs and strengths as they develop their future goals. They set goals aligned with postsecondary education, employment, and independent living, while receiving tailored support based on their individual transition plans.

Connecting to Adult Services

- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)
- Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- OhioMeansJobs and other local agencies

Why Choose Career Options?

- Full continuum of job training experiences
- Individualized support for every student
- Trusted partnerships with businesses in our community
- Seamless transition planning from school to adulthood
- Experienced, caring staff dedicated to student success
- Development of independent living skills such as shopping, meal preparation, financial management, using public transportation and more

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Discover. Develop. Succeed.



"I like that we go to different job sites. It prepares me for work and possibly living alone."

Erik

"I've learned I am good at working. I work lots of different jobs."

Liam

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