Preparing Students for a Career Day

Your students will be participating in a career awareness work-based learning activity in the coming weeks. Career Days help students connect the lessons they're learning in the classroom with the college and career options ahead of them.

Career Awareness Student Learning Objectives

- Learn about different careers and the basic pathways leading to them.
- Learn about how basic skills such as math and reading are used in the workplace.
- Understand the importance of post-secondary education and training following high school graduation.

Student Career Interest

There are a variety of online career interest assessment tools for your students to use to help narrow their career interests. Help them through the process. After they've determined areas of interest, have students compare their own list of potential careers with the list of career day presenters, and generate a list of questions for the visitors.

Tell students to take notes during Career Day, so they can record the presenters they visit or talk to. They will use this information to write thank-you notes later.

Thank-You Note

After Career Day, conduct a thank-you note writing activity with students.

Work-Based Learning Activity Evaluation

The Work-Based Learning Student Evaluation will provide important information to the coordinator and will help shape future Career Days.

Career Day Student Reflection

Student reflection allows students to analyze their experiences and prompts thinking about education and career decisions based on the experience. Reflection exercises encourage analysis and thinking about the connection between school and work.

Conduct activities that will allow students to reflect individually and then share what they learned from the Career Day. This is an excellent time to begin including the guidance counselor in the classroom activities, if you haven't done so already.

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