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What is a Spaceport?

VSA owns and operates the

Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS)

Located at Wallops Island, VA on the Eastern Shore

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwuoaAWvf48







What is at the Spaceport?







We currently have 3 Launch Pads: PAD 0A, PAD 0B, PAD 0C





Launches from the Pads







PPF: Payload Processing Facility







UAS Airfield















Why Partner with VSA!



We Understand High-Quality Work-Based Learning (HQWBL)

HQWBL opportunities are school-coordinated experiences that must be:

- related to student's career goals and/or interests;
- integrated with CTE instruction; and
- performed in partnership with businesses and organizations



VSA's Significance to the Commonwealth

- What we mean to the commonwealth
- Educational resource

Student Opportunities VSA can support

- Job Shadowing
- Mentorship
- Internships for 11th and 12th graders
- Externships for high schoolers and eventually branch out to middle schoolers



Workplace Readiness Skills

- 1. Demonstrating personal qualities and abilities
- 2. Demonstrating interpersonal skills
- 3. Demonstrating professional competencies



Examples of Courses We Connect with in Virginia

Business and Information Technology

6612 - Computer Info Systems

6115 - Princ of Business and Marketing

6120 - Economics and Personal Finance

Marketing

8120 - Marketing

8130 - Advanced Marketing

8125 - Digital and Social Media Marketing

Technology Education

8416 - Electronics Systems I

8439 - Introduction to Engineering Design

8450 - Engineering Explorations I

Trade and Industrial Education

8558 - Industrial Robotics Technology

8622 - Computer Systems Technology

8623 - Computer Systems Technology II 8672



Website & How to Sign Up

Company Website: https://www.vaspace.org/

Tours Information & Forms: https://www.vaspace.org/tours

Link to Education Section: https://www.vaspace.org/education

On the Education page you will find:

- CEO for a day contest
- Shadow day information
- Shadow day form and instructions
- Visit Request Form
- And more!





Workforce Projections

- STEM is projected to have 12% job growth in the Commonwealth by 2026, adding 8,000 positions
- Hampton Roads growth rate will be higher than the national average
- Greater than the average statewide growth
- Engineering managers need vork experience to be competitive



Virginia Office of Education Economics

Top Jobs are defined as:

- Offers good earnings right off the bat
- Offers opportunities for advancement
- Forecasted % growth in number of positions
- Is of strategic importance to Virginia's state-wide economic development strategy

Diversity at VSA

- 30% women
- POC in key leadership positions
- Various degree levels (GED-PhD)

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