



Job Shadowing for Student Success

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Why job shadow?

Early exposure to different careers and industries is a vital part of career exploration and student growth.

Job Shadowing is a low-cost, high yield option that allows students to explore career interests in a variety of workplace settings, starting at an early age



Establishing partnerships for Job Shadowing Opportunities

Community Partnerships are a vital
component of establishing job
shadowing opportunities.

- Identify and connect with the local employers and organizations in your community
- Connect with specialty teachers/CTE teachers and other specialty teachers to expand your community partnership network



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Job Shadow Opportunities

There are several avenues to embed HQWBL job-shadow field trips within your school



Grade-level
job shadow
field trip



Course specific
job shadow field trip



Individual/small group
job shadow field trip

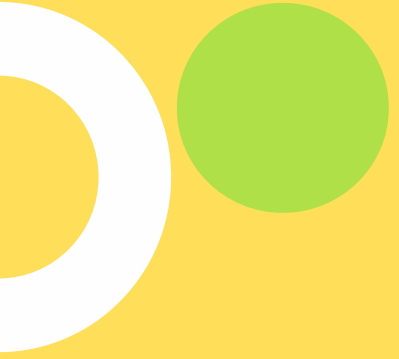
Grade Level Trip example

9th grade Pathway Day trip:



All ACPS 9th grade Students visited various companies and workplace settings. Organized by our county's Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Amber Roberts, with individual school support by School-based Career Specialists and 9th grade lead teachers. It was also scheduled on PSAT Day as to minimize impact on instructional time

9th Grade Pathway Day



Course Related

Job Shadow trip examples

**CTE Introduction to
Culinary Arts &
CTE Culinary Arts
Specialization**

Boar's Head Resort
Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyard

**CTE Engineering 1:
Materials & Processes
CTE Engineering 2:
Construction
CTE Architectural
Drawing & Design**

Hosted by a local Mechanical,
Electrical, and Plumbing contracting
company that works with commercial

**CTE Biotechnology
Foundations in
Health and Medical
Sciences**

Discover Medicine
program at UVA







Based on student interests and needs. Can be utilized to

Collaborate with Counseling Department, Case Managers, etc. to

Initial Use of the

Job Shadowing is a great way for students



