

A K-8 Career Awareness and Exploration Q & A

Awareness -> Exploration -> Experience



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Today's Goal

- To think about how to develop a community-connected Master Plan to increase the number of innovative career exploration and engagement opportunities in the elementary and middle school



Career Awareness in Elementary

- Elementary is about awareness and discovery
- Develop intentional and guaranteed experiences for all students
 - Science and social studies standards provide an opportunity for natural connections
 - A systematic plan allows for coordination, collaboration and creativity

Career Exploration in Middle School

- Middle school is about exploration and community engagement
- Create intentional and guaranteed experiences for all students
 - Service learning and non-profit organizations can provide powerful career exploration experiences, promoting interdisciplinary instruction and real-world employability skill development
- Make clear connections when facilitating career planning activities with students

What might you want to consider?

- What will be the process for developing the guaranteed career experiences at each level?
 - Who will be involved?
 - Who will coordinate with business partners?
 - Will there be a common planning template?
- How will these guaranteed experiences be communicated with the staff to promote ownership?
- How will this become the work, not just one more thing?

Let's Talk



- Please add your questions to the chat

“Far and away, the best prize that life offers
is the chance to work hard at work
worth doing.”

- Theodore Roosevelt

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