



Bridges Career Academy Career Exploration

Little Falls High School

Gateway to careers in the business world. Learn the foundational skills of business organizations, such as the economic factors that affect business decisions, financial management, marketing products and services and the human resources needed to be successful. Become part of the National Business Education Association. Gain entry-level employment or continue education.

Academic Courses

- Steps 4 Success
- Career Exploration
- Advanced Career Experience
- Experiential Education and Community Outreach
- On the Job Training Internships

Career Experiences

- Learn from industry speakers
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs
- Participate in job shadows
- Participate in real-world career experiences

Completion Standards

COMPLETE

3 of 5 courses

GRADES **B** ↑

Earn a **certificate** and **green cord** at graduation



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Job Skills

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect workers in this industry to have these skills:

- Listening skills
- Written communication skills
- Problem solving skills
- Decision making skills



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Not sure what you want to do with your future, then the Career Exploration Academy is for you. The courses are designed to help you evaluate your academic and work skills while exploring your career interests. Students will be exposed to various careers while working with professionals in an actual real world work setting. Upon completion of this academy, you will be ready to set your future work and educational goals.

ACADEMY COURSES

Steps 4 Success — .5 High School Credits

This course is the first step in the process of creating your personal plan toward a successful future. We will create an MCIS account where students can track personal growth through a process. Students will discuss options that are available for college and career choices after graduation while laying the foundation for the next three years of Career and College planning.

Career Exploration — .5 High School Credits

Career Exploration is a course to help you learn about your options as you start thing about your future. What colleges are out there, what careers are out there and where you interest lie, and how you can put those interests into a successful career? The course will help open the world up to you. This course will help you navigate through all the information that lies ahead of you.

Advanced Career Experience — 2 High School Credits

In this new and exciting course students will be partnering with Camp Ripley in a job shadow experience. Classroom curriculum will cover resume writing, technical skills vs soft skills, interviewing skills, career exploration and interest inventories. Students will be bussed to Camp Ripley on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work with a mentor. This is not a military recruitment, but a combination of high school curriculum and real world application using course work studied in high school.

Experiential Education and Community Outreach — .5 High School Credits

This course is designed for students who have an interest in a specific career area. Students in this course will be given an opportunity to go out in the community to gain knowledge and experiences from talking to individuals who work in the field, watching individuals complete the work through a job shadow experience. There are a variety of different avenues that this course may take. Students need to be open to a variety of experiences. Students who want to learn from real life experiences and community experts should take this course.

On the Job Training Internships — 1 or 2 High School Credits

An excellent opportunity for students to earn credit for graduation while working at a job during or after school hours that will allow them to explore career areas and develop real life job skills that will be beneficial to their future employment and education. Students must be taking at least three classes at the high school in order to participate in the program.

COMPLETION STANDARD

Students must complete three of the five courses while maintaining a “B” grade of better in each course to complete this academy.

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will experience have opportunities to participate in real-work career experiences, participate in Bridges Career Exploration Day, conduct job shadows, and listen to industry speakers.

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