

Career Academies

Career education and academic enrichment with real-world experiences

Bridges Career Academies are courses focusing on career pathways. Courses provide hands-on learning activities combining technical, academic, and employability skills related to a specific career. The Academies offer students the opportunity to explore a career pathway through courses delivered by high school instructors with support from industry representatives through a variety of career awareness and experience activities.

Bridges **Career Awareness** efforts include the annual Career Exploration Day and a video library featuring high demand regional careers. Bridges **Career Experiences** connects schools and businesses to integrate work-based learning through career camps, business tours, a speakers bureau, and the Career Depot — a jobs website exclusively for 14-18 year olds.

How do students enroll in a Bridges Academy?

Bridges Career Academies are offered to students in grades 9-12. Students should contact their high school counselor for more information. Students and parents are encouraged to check their high school's student course registration guide for detailed information regarding Bridges Career Academy courses.

The benefits for students are:

- Preparation for employment and/or college.
- Participate in a business/industry experience.
- Earn high school and potential college credit.
- Receive Academy certificate and honor cord upon completion.

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