

Job Shadow Day

Wichita Workforce Center



What is Job Shadow Day?

Job Shadow Day is a day where students learn about different careers in the Wichita area by either visiting an employer or having guest speakers visit their schools.

Who are the Partners?

Job Shadow Day is a partnership between the Wichita Workforce Center, the local school districts and several businesses and community members.

What is the Purpose of Job Shadow Day?

Job Shadow day is an effort to expose students to the careers and industries within Wichita. As Wichita continues to focus on growing its economy building a skilled workforce will be vital. This opens the door for conversation about the different opportunities in Wichita and how kids can get engaged at an earlier age.

What Was the Outcome?

The inaugural Job Shadow Day was held on February 2, 2015. Approximately **200** kids participated through either classroom visits or employer tours. Among the industries represented were: engineering, communications, law enforcement, workforce development, construction and criminal justice. Through this effort we were able to identify **15** additional high schools students interested in future job shadowing opportunities. We've been able to match **5** of these students so far with a job shadow experience.

"This was a great opportunity for them. It is never too early for students to become intrigued with a career. Even at a young age they may see or hear something that sparks their interest. If they change their mind 10 times, the important thing is that they are thinking about their future in a productive way!"

-Kamiel Evans, Principal of Jackson Elementary