

ACP ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARSHFIELD

MHS Career Explorer

All 6th grade students and their teachers will visit Marshfield High School for a morning to learn about MHS Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses and careers related to Agriculture, Business and Information Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Technology Education. Marshfield High School students enrolled in CTE classes and their teachers facilitate educational, fun, and hands-on activities for the students related to soil layers, finance, computer programming, culinary techniques and nutrition, woodworking, electricity, graphics, engineering, welding, and more!

Career and Technical Student Organizations

CTE programs support skills such as communication, critical thinking, problem solving, entrepreneurship and leadership through CTSO's including:

- FBLA
- FCCLA
- FFA
- HOSA
- SkillsUSA

For more information about CTSO's at the middle and high school, visit

<https://www.marshfieldschools.org/CTE>

Career Quest Café

By invitation, families of 8th grade students are invited to attend Career Quest Café at Marshfield Middle School. Not only do students learn about food preparation, they also learn about applying and interviewing for jobs, careers in the service industry, and more!

Heavy Metal Tour

All 8th graders will visit Marshfield businesses and Mid-State Technical College (Marshfield campus) for the Heavy Metal Tour to give the students a look at what it's like to have a career in manufacturing. Over the course of the day students will tour several different manufacturing facilities in the Marshfield area. The Heavy Metal Tour is held in October to celebrate "Manufacturing Month". Manufacturing contributes to almost half of Wisconsin's economy. Nearly one in five workers in Wisconsin is directly employed in manufacturing.

Reality Store

All 8th graders will attend Reality Store. Before the day of the store, students will be assigned an occupation with annual income, benefits, a marital status, combined income, and children. The first lesson students learn will be how to calculate their net monthly income. They deduct state and federal taxes, social security and Medicare, and quickly realize the difference between gross and net income. As they enter the store, the young shoppers will be greeted by business volunteers representing a variety of monthly expenses. Students arrange for their housing, furnishings, utilities, transportation, childcare, groceries, insurance, and taxes, and will be required to donate to charity, contribute to their savings account and retirement. They are allowed to make optional purchases such as computers, investments, motorcycles, pets, and family vacations assuming, of course, their budget allows for such expenditures. In addition, students are given "chance factors," the unexpected occurrences that affect a family's budget, such as emergency room visits, automobile problems, or spontaneous purchases. Life lessons that occur daily as adults are simulated in the store.

Tiger Course Hunt

Before students register for classes at Marshfield High School, families can speak with teachers about courses for the following school year. Talk to teachers to learn more about course learning objectives and projects.

Pathway Partners Mentoring Program

The mission of the Pathway Partners Mentoring Program is to expose high school students to nurturing relationships with caring adults and to the diversity of opportunities and experiences in our community. These experiences, having guided academic and personal development, will enhance students' life skills and enable them to make successful transitions to post high school education and employment. Pathway Partners Mentoring Program matches students with adult mentors in the community who share similar interests and career paths. The adults meet with the students for one hour, once a month during the academic school year. Job shadowing is also available. Their purpose is to help the students expand their horizons, explore their interests and expose them to a larger world. For more information, visit <https://www.marshfieldschools.org/Page/301>

Ready for Success

During Marshfield High School's Fall Parent Teacher Conferences, parents are encouraged to visit booths throughout the halls of the high school to learn more about college and career readiness opportunities including:

- Apprenticeship
- MHS Career-based Learning Programs (Youth Apprenticeship, Health Career Connections, Future Teacher Internship, Internship, etc.)
- Mid-State Technical College
- UW-Marshfield/Wood County
- Pathway Partners Mentoring Program

Wisconsin Education Fair

Each year the Education Fair, an assembly of university and technical college admissions counselors, and military recruiters, is held at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids. Its purpose is to provide students with easy access to information about a variety of post-secondary opportunities available to them. Interested juniors and seniors will be given the opportunity to attend this half-day event. See your school counselor for details.

MSTC CareerView/Program Showcase

Multiple times throughout the school year students have the opportunity to learn more about Mid-State Technical College by attending events on their Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, and Stevens Point campuses. While you're there, you'll

- Explore all MSTC programs
- Experience hands-on demonstrations
- Discover new learning technologies
- Visit high-tech labs and classrooms
- Meet faculty, staff, students, and college leaders

See your school counselor for details.

Career-based Learning Programs

Career-based learning programs enhance business and education partnerships, as well as, provide students with opportunities to reinforce skills and behaviors to be effective in the workforce. Connecting course work to career interests at a workplace provides a firsthand look at what skills are needed, how knowledge learned in school is put into action in the workplace, and informs the student about their career interest.

Different from a regular after-school job, career-based learning programs are school supervised experiences. Marshfield High School offers the following career-based learning opportunities:

- Health Career Connections
- Capstones, Co-ops, and Internships
- Future Teacher Internship
- Youth Apprenticeship

For more information, visit <https://www.marshfieldschools.org/Page/220>

Xtreme Xploration

The mission statement for Xtreme Xploration is “Business and educational leaders sharing real life experiences to prepare students for post high school opportunities.” While students attend Xtreme Xploration, they will participate in an informational interview with a community member, seek advice on resume writing, learn about ethics and college life from a panel discussion, discover post-secondary education opportunities, and gain valuable information from community leaders. All juniors will participate in this opportunity and will learn more in their English class.

Financial Aid Night/Scholarships

One of the most difficult conversations for most parents to have with their junior or senior concerns the amount of money available for college expenses, but having this talk is critical to the college search and application process. Students need to have a realistic financial picture in regard to what their parents can and are willing to contribute. The federal and state governments consider paying for post-secondary education as a partnership entered into by the parents, the student and the government. All seniors and juniors and their parents/guardians are invited to attend our Financial Aid Night. See your school counselor for details.

Content Specific Community Business Experiences

Many teachers at MHS offer students the opportunity to explore careers or learn more about the job application process through experiences they organize. Talk with your teachers to learn about visits they may offer to help you learn about career clusters of interest to you!