

BENEFITS OF CONNECTING BUSINESS AND LAKOTA SCHOOLS



Benefits for the Student

- Fosters an understanding about in-demand careers in which students might be passionate about
 - Assists students to narrow their career choices given the exorbitant cost of college
 - Highlights employer and workplace expectations
 - Develops job skills as well as soft skills (i.e., collaboration, creativity/innovation, communication, critical thinking and problem solving)
 - Demonstrates relevance between academic courses and workplace requirements
- Provides professional references for future college and/or job applications
 - Provides a platform for advice, direction and guidance from experienced professionals
 - Provides elective credit and/or enhances career portfolio
 - Creates an avenue for possible part-time or full-time employment

Benefits for Businesses and Organizations

- Enables employers to begin attracting future employees in high-demand careers at the high school
- Assists young people in understanding what employers expect of employees
- Seek to “keep local talent local”
- Contributes to academic growth of students and prepares a highly skilled workforce
- Provides an opportunity to share experiences, insights and knowledge with students and, subsequently, improves supervisory and motivational skills of employees
- Energizes current employees who serve as a mentors
- Strengthens partnership with Lakota schools and builds a positive community image

Benefits for the Community

- Produces a world-class workforce that drives a vibrant regional economy
- Establishes a positive community image that is an asset to economic development
- Improves the recruitment pool of qualified employees
- Improves prosperity and the quality of life for all citizens

Benefits for the School

- Utilizes employers' state-of-the-art workplace to enhance student learning
- Create strategic partnerships with local industry
- Connects extended learning opportunities to student's career cluster of choice
- Keeps education current by addressing employer needs