

KDS Teachers Work to Train Students for Employment

Nearly 400 teachers in the Marshall County School system, including all classroom teachers at all three KDS schools, toured some of the county's industries to get a first-hand look at how the classroom can translate to jobs that are right at home. There are more than 200 industries in Marshall County. That equates to thousands of jobs.

"We want to give teachers the opportunity to learn what types of jobs are available right here in Marshall County, so they can help incorporate that into their classrooms and into their curriculum," said Marshall County Economic Development Council President Matt Arnold.



"The teachers went out on school buses to employers all over Marshall County to learn about what types of jobs are out there for their students and what types of skill sets they need to be helping them get," Arnold said.

"Our students take the WorkKeys exam, and it's important when our educators are asked by students 'why do we take this exam?' They need to be able to answer that and how it's important to obtaining employment locally, and how industry uses that for entry-level employment," said Superintendent Cindy Wigley.

"As they start looking at different careers and different pathways that they want to go into, it kind of lets us see the things that are out here, so we can encourage them," one teacher said.