

TriDistrict College and Career Readiness Initiative

The TriDistrict Career and College Readiness Initiative is a unique partnership that has developed between the school districts of South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights and West. St. Paul - Mendota Heights -Eagan. This partnership between the districts is a collaborative effort to guarantee that all students of South St. Paul Secondary School, Simley High School, and Henry Sibley High Schools graduate with a plan for his/her "next step" and has the skills, knowledge, attributes and attitudes to be successful, wherever that next step takes him/her.

Of critical importance for students is for them to have a wide array of Career and College Readiness experiences and explorations. To support the goals of our Initiative they are looking for mentors from the community to share their time, experience and expertise from their world of work.

Mentors

Mentors and mentees will meet to discuss:

- introductions and topics of career interest
- what it means to "show up"
- how to present themselves at a job interview
- how to turn a job into a career

Preparation

The only preparation for mentors is to reflect on their own stories of how they come to be where they are in the world of work, how their path may have changed, and then share with students what it takes to get started in a career field of interest by getting that all important "first job."

Time Commitment

Mentors will meet with a minimum of two groups of 4-6 students, for a total of 8-12 students, four times throughout the school year, for approximately one hour and forty-five minutes (2 separate class periods) each time (a total of less than 8 hours across the year).

Times for either set of dates would be (one of the three):

- 1st and 2nd period (approx. 8:30am-10:10am)
- 2nd and 3rd period (approx. 9:20am-11:00am)
- 6th and 7th period (approx. 1:20pm-3:00pm)

Dates

Meeting dates for the 2017-2018 school year are either (one of the two):

- November 20th, January 8th, March 19th, May 7th (all Mondays)
- November 21st, January 9th, March 18th, & May 8th (all Tuesdays)

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