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We Need You

Education is evolving to include more exposure to real companies and careers with more authentic work experiences during high school years. None of this is possible without the input from local businesses. You can make a huge difference in shaping the curriculum and experiences today's students have that will inspire them toward careers of tomorrow. You can help by:

- Hiring a TASC student.
- Being a site for paid or unpaid internship.
- Providing Career Mentoring volunteers.
- Welcoming a job shadowing student.
- Hosting a guided tour of your facility.
- Leading a workshop explaining your industry.
- Speaking to local students about careers.
- Taking part in a career job fair.
- Considering donating funds or materials

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Taunton Area School to Career (TASC)



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Empowering Youth to Succeed
by Bridging Business and Education to
Improve Tomorrow's Workforce



Taunton Area School to Career (TASC) is a Business and Education Partnership, connecting Taunton area employers and local school systems. Our current Partnership schools are Bristol County Agricultural High School, Berkley Somerset Regional High School, Taunton High School and Taunton Alternative High School. We serve youth and young adults (ages 14-25).

What We Do?

TASC prepares students for college and/or a career. Some of TASC activities include:

- Help students with resume and job searches.
- Provide work readiness counseling, and assist with on-line career sites.
- Schedule business professionals as presenters and workshop facilitators into classrooms.
- Arrange tours at local colleges and businesses.
- Find and offer job shadow or internship opportunities.
- Organize and assist schools with career days, college and job fairs.
- Organize and support financial literacy training.

Programs Available

The Mentoring Program matches volunteer, local business professionals with high school students from our partnership schools. Once matched, the mentor and their mentee meet twice a month to explore education and career options and discuss life skills. New model options are routinely evaluated to enhance our mentoring services. Through one-on-one relationships, mentors and mentees may:

- Tour local businesses, organizations, colleges and trade school
- Discuss ideas about their future work world and career pathways.
- Use career decision-making tool to discover their path

Connecting Activities serves to broker connections between public school districts, employers and community-based organizations by providing:

- Work Readiness and Career Development
- Individualized Work-Based Learning Plans

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

provides students, that have an IEP, 504 Plan or documented disability, the opportunity to experience and explore the world of work. TASC offers a wide range of possibilities for students aged 14-21 (up until their 22nd birthday) with:

- Job exploration and counseling
- Workplace readiness training
- Work-Based learning experiences
- Counseling on post-secondary education or training
- Self-Advocacy and peer mentoring

YouthWorks is a state-funded youth empowerment program that helps young adults, age 14-25, develop the skills and experience needed to find and keep a job. Participants take part in a paid work based learning experiences during the summer and/or school year. Students receive training in core soft skills, practice professional behavior and learn how to work effectively with supervisors, co-workers, and customers.

