Students complete interest assessments

This fall, ninth grade students completed the Pictorial Inventory of Careers (PIC) Interest Inventory. The inventory helps determine a student's areas of interest by having them rate a series of 119 video clips of people working at various occupations. Results of the inventory are provided to students to assist them in planning their curriculums and future careers. Tenth and eleventh grade students also completed interest assessments to help plan for their transition from high school to adult life.

Our businesses say...

“I enjoy having Hedgesville students here at Martinsburg Service Center. I have had several over the past 3 1/2 years and they have all been enthusiastic and interested in the field.”

Chris Suits, Martinsburg Service Center

“Work Exploration is a great program. This program teaches the students how to work at a business and also teaches them the responsibilities that go along with a job.”

Tammy Klemer, Subway Hedgesville

“The students that come work with us are always very excited and always happy to help in any way that they can.”

Nick Pannell, Berkeley County Fire

The success of Work Exploration (WE) depends on the support of our LOCAL BUSINESSES. BUSINESSES interested in participating in WE CONTACT:

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Parents — Attend your students’s IEP meeting for important information!

Selected teachers throughout the county attended training in October on Transition and Title 19 Waiver. Guidance from the presenters, as well as brochures/pamphlets from this training, should be passed on to parents when they attend their child’s IEP meeting. Representatives from the different agencies provided their information so that parents can reach out to them for assistance as they navigate through the waiver process.

Ashley Shevokas shines the glass in the front door at Nelson’s Supply Company as owner Jacob Nelson proudly looks on.

We have new business partners

To provide our students with a variety of work experiences and to get the community increasingly involved in our program, we solicit and welcome new businesses each year. This year, we have added Nelson’s Supply Company and Country Road Tires. At Nelson’s Supply Company, we’ve helped owner Jacob Nelson dust and arrange shelves and inventory items to help with reordering. We’re looking forward to taking a student to Country Road Tires during second semester. Our students are eager to learn more about what goods and services these businesses provide for our community.

PAES lab provides pre-vocational training for many students

The Practical Assessment Exploration System laboratory, or PAES lab, is used by job specialists, teachers, and students to practice a variety of work-related tasks as students prepare for the WEP workforce. The PAES lab’s purpose is to assess and teach vocational and life skills. Students practice these skills before being assigned to work in local businesses.

Justin Kelbaugh files a metal strip as part of a Construction/Industrial lesson in the Hedgesville PAES Lab.

C.J. Crum straightens greeting cards at Reed’s Pharmacy in Hedgesville. He also fronted and dusted shelves throughout the store.

Octavia Smith prepares salads at Berkeley Medical Center. Looking on is Christina Campos, Food and Nutrition supervisor.

Brandon Grant enjoyed learning about the ins and outs of dental care at Dr. Erica Patthoff’s office. Here he places gauze in envelopes to send home with patients who need follow up treatment.

Madison Porter helps a student complete a color pattern during free-play time at the EPIC Pre-K program in Hedgesville.