A unique opportunity...
SMHS is proud to have thirty-five businesses supporting the WEP. This year we begin our 6th year in the Spring Mills community. Without the support of our businesses our WEP workforce would not have the unique opportunity to gain additional work skills in a hands-on environment.

What our businesses say...
“Getting to work alongside the kids is especially enjoyable for me because I am in college to go into the teaching field. It gives me good experience working/training for my own future. The program has helped me learn different ways to teach the many different ways kids learn.”
Carly Elliott, Berkeley Plaza Theatre

“These kids are always a pleasure to work with. They are polite, smiling, have great attitudes and are hard working.”
Matt Schroyer, Manager ROCS Spring Mills

“The students are constantly working in the kitchen, parking lot, and dish room and willing to do anything we ask. We enjoy having them here!”
Shelby Knepper, Hoss’s Steak & Sea House

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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John Carlin bags popcorn to sell at our new business partner, Mountaineer Meat Smokers/Mission Popcorn. Thank you Travis Bishop for providing this opportunity!
**Student participation in WEP**

Work Exploration at SMHS is thriving! Our workforce has 34 members. Interest is piqued each day as students begin to pay attention to their futures. Continue to develop your student’s transition plan to secure their post-secondary goals. Parents, thank you for your permission for us to explore career opportunities with your student and help them plan for life after school.

**PAES lab provides pre-vocational training for many students**

We have invited all classes and any student who is not yet 16 to visit and use the PAES Lab at SMHS. The Practical Assessment Exploration System gives students a hands-on learning experience and is a constructive pre-requisite to Work Exploration. We focus on five subject areas: Consumer Service, Business Marketing, Construction and Industrial, Processing and Production, and Computer Technology. This lab gives students the opportunity, through activities, to practice work related subjects in a school setting that are engaging and fun!

**Parents... attend IEP meetings!**

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.