**Work Exploration**

**Keys to Success**

- Businesses permitting Berkeley County students to use their facilities for effective job training

- Supportive Administration, Staff, and Job Specialists who realize the importance of the Work Exploration Program and the preparation that is required to successfully enter the world of work

- Experienced Job Specialists supervising and working alongside students at job sites

- Supportive family members encouraging and helping their students to understand and respect the workplace rules and expectations

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What…
is Work Exploration?

♦ Special Education students explore job opportunities within their community.

♦ An extension of the classroom where students use their learned work skills in community businesses.

♦ An opportunity designed to build student’s self-confidence and self-determination as students’ transition from school to work.

Who…
benefits from Work Exploration?

♦ Businesses gain work hours from students who are eager to experience the world of work.

♦ Students gain valuable work and life skills.

♦ Community acquires enthusiastic, productive individuals empowered to become independent citizens.

Where…
do Work Exploration students train?

♦ Innovative community and business leaders provide a variety of job sites for community-based training. Our students work in…

• Large businesses
• Small businesses
• Restaurants
• Fast Foods
• Grocery Stores
• Banks/Credit Unions
• Professional Offices
• Car Dealerships
• Automotive Centers
• Child Care
• Hotels
• Book Stores
• Vet/Animal Shelters
• Fitness Centers
• Convenience Stores
• Floral/Gift Shops
• Hair Salons
• Farm Markets
• Pharmacies
• Warehouses

Why…
should businesses participate in Work Exploration?

♦ Students supervised by Berkeley County staff provide work hours to businesses without compensation.

♦ Work Exploration prepares students to interact within their community.

♦ The Work Exploration Program helps students transition from the classroom into the world of work.

When…
will Work Exploration take place?

♦ When students turn sixteen.

♦ Four work assignments per school year.

♦ A minimum of one hour per week.

Work Exploration: Helps youth effectively explore job opportunities within their community.