

CLASSROOM SPEAKERS PROGRAM



VOLUNTEERS:

Classroom speakers provide an opportunity for students to hear, firsthand, about a particular occupation, the necessary preparation, required knowledge, and other interesting information from a current practitioner in that field. This is a chance for students to learn about the world of work, including career and workplace requirements and expectations. Classroom speaker volunteers offer insights that support student transition into the workplace. Typical speaking time is 30-45 minutes.

THE SPEAKER WILL:

- Register to volunteer online. (See below)
- Describe their career and/or company.
- Discuss their educational and career journey.
- Describe a typical workday.
- Discuss parts of their job they like best and least.
- Model professionalism and career-ready skills.
- Discuss future outlook for occupational area.
- Inform students of general salary range including entry-level wages and benefits.
- Discuss education and training needed.
- Show examples of their work and engage students by using images, artifacts, and hands-on activities.
- Answer student questions.

THE TEACHER WILL:

- Manage and host a virtual classroom (if applicable).
- Remain in class, including virtual, and listen to the presentation.
- Set rules and expectations ahead of time.
- Complete an evaluation and share feedback.

THE STUDENTS WILL:

- Listen and participate in career exploration activities.
- Be briefed and prepared for the visit.
- Be familiar with the topic of discussion.
- Display polite and courteous behavior, either in person or online.
- Ask relevant and thoughtful questions.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Confirm with the school contact the date, time, virtual classroom access (if applicable), location, parking, and how many students will be involved.
- Send the teacher all handouts and presentation materials (including video) ahead of time for review, approval, and A/V or virtual conferencing needs.
- Plan to actively involve students in activities including virtual chatroom, demonstrations, problem-solving, brainstorming, videos, and questions.

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