

The basic strategy of School-to-Career is to ensure that school curricula is relevant to careers and that students understand the link between education and their career opportunities and options.

The Colorado School-to-Career Partnership is full of exciting opportunities, such as:

Elementary School: Children will begin to be exposed to a wide range of career possibilities. They will begin to learn how to be a good worker and the importance of completing tasks, following directions and relating to others

Middle School: Youth will begin to explore different careers and further develop good work-place habits.

High School: Students will continue to work on discovering career options and develop good work-place habits, as well as, obtain actual job-site experience. Some will be able to choose and select career options best suited to their skills, talents and abilities; they will also realize that further education is critical to their career path.

“ **In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.** ”

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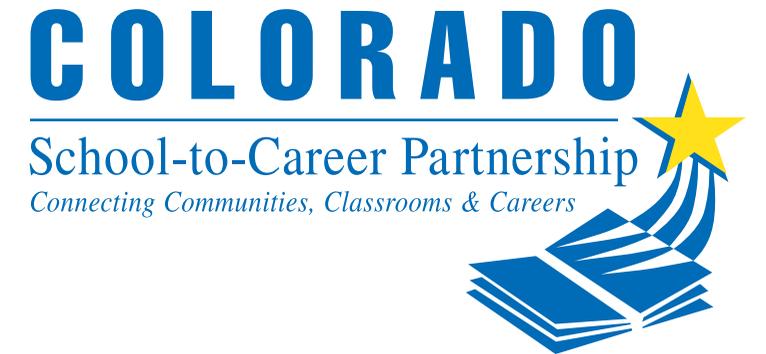
How You Can Become Involved

- ✧ Talk to your student about the relationship between earning and learning
- ✧ Meet with your student’s teachers and counselors to develop your student’s career goals and action plans to reach these goals.
- ✧ Work with local Parent-Teacher Organizations, school boards and the business community to ensure that School-to-Career is a viable option in your schools.

For more information, contact:



The Parent & Family Guide to School-to-Career



What Is School-to-Career?

It is a local community effort of our public schools to prepare students (grades K-16) for their future in the world of work. The venture capital for this initiative was provided from the national School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994.

How Do Students Benefit From School-to-Career?

- ✧ By obtaining work-force experience which allows them to compete for better jobs and careers
- ✧ By gaining higher earning potential through real world work experiences
- ✧ By developing technical problem solving and team-work skills that help in academic and career growth
- ✧ By building skills that provide for lifelong learning and career flexibility
- ✧ Some might be able to receive school credit for participation in School-to-Career activities
- ✧ Some will receive special recognition from colleges and businesses



Why is School-to-Career Important?

School or college performance is critical in shaping a young person's future. A sound education opens the door of opportunity and gives a student the ability to be self-sufficient and obtain financial independence after graduation.

Quality education begins with parents and family. You have the right and the responsibility to see that your young people obtain a good education. Your personal involvement is now more important than ever!

Commitment from parents, family, the business community and the education system is necessary because the jobs of tomorrow will require:

- ✧ More skills (oral and written communication, mathematics, technical and computer)
- ✧ Good work habits, time management, interpersonal and team-building skills
- ✧ A willingness to keep learning
- ✧ The ability to adapt quickly to change
- ✧ Use of problem solving and critical thinking

How Does the Colorado School-to-Career Partnership work?

The Colorado School-to-Career Partnership teams schools with the business community for the purpose of exposing students to career options by offering:

- ✧ job shadowing
- ✧ internships
- ✧ employer paid/non-paid work experience
- ✧ employer mentoring
- ✧ business and career counseling
- ✧ job and business fairs
- ✧ career days

Visit the Colorado School-to-Career Partnership Web Site (under the Lt. Governor's home page) at:

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/ltgov/index.html

and hyperlinks

