



Thank you for taking the time to be a part of The Academies of ISD! We hope you find this experience as rewarding as the teachers and students will. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to something that will benefit schools and business partners.

The Academies are an opportunity for students and teachers to observe and interact with your company and have a real-world business experience to bring back to the classroom. Through this program, teachers learn to work together to create ideas to connect their course standards with your industry that will reinforce the theme of their academy across subjects areas. The Academy partnerships will also provide teachers with industry exposure and allow them to take those experiences back into the classroom. Students need to learn application for course content and teachers and students alike need to know what the world expects them to know to be successful.

Teachers will spend three consecutive days working with your company, learning about the industry, and assisting/observing in the business's daily work. The teachers will come from various subject area backgrounds including both academic core subjects (language arts, science, social studies, mathematics, etc.) and career and technical education areas (computer science, industrial technology, health and public services, etc.)

We are also looking for business hosts for student job shadows for the 2015-2016 school year and student internships for the 2016-2017 school year to give our students real-life experience in their chosen field. Our goal is for this to be mutually beneficial for both our students and the host companies.

We hope you find this experience to be both rewarding and interactive. Ultimately, this experience is the springboard to opening future doors and opportunities for interaction between the partner high school and business host. We hope that this activity will serve as the beginning phase of a larger project of teachers doing externships within your company.

Detailed Schedule of Teacher Externship (2015-2016 School Year)

April 1: Business Host confirmation deadline. Business host confirms that they will participate in Teacher Externships.

July 1: Teacher Team Visit Dates Set. Final dates are set and confirmed by both the Business Host and the district. Three consecutive days are required.

Dates TBD (Three Consecutive Days): Teacher Team Visits Your Company. Teacher teams visit their assigned business host for three consecutive days during agreed upon time period. Freshman Academy teams will also attend during one of these days.

Date TBD: Project Feedback. Business hosts are invited to join district employees to hear ideas presented by the teachers and provide feedback.

Company benefits include:

- Improvements in curriculum and educational practices along with the creation of a direct line to the curriculum development processes by business partners will produce better prepared graduates.
- Industry's public image as a community partner is enhanced and community service commitments can be fulfilled.
- Companies are able to participate directly with the school in an advisory role.
- The exploration process may help support or create experiential learning experiences which could include shadowing, internships, work-based learning, service learning or capstone project support.

Job Shadowing (2015-2016 School Year)

April 1: Job Shadow confirmation deadline. Business host confirms that they will create an opportunity for Job Shadowing in their company.

Date TBD: Student Job Shadow:

Business provides _____ number of students the ability to job shadow a professional in their chosen career. This can be a one day or two day job shadow.

Class Speakers (2015-2016 School Year)

July 1: Class Speaker confirmation deadline.

Date TBD: Speak to students in class or classes about your field

- **School Academy Liaison will work with Business Liaison to request speakers. Speakers will talk with students for 30 minutes and take questions.**

Looking Ahead: Student Internships (2016-2017 School Year)

By this time next year, we will be looking for companies able to support student interns. Students will intern in the afternoon for 2-3 hours for a semester. We will be working directly with companies to determine how this would work best for them and suit their needs.