



Bridges Career Academy Career Exploration

Pillager Area Charter School

Designed to help you evaluate your abilities, and academic skills while exploring your career interests. Study career pathways, learn job skills and apply those skills in real life working situations.

Academic Courses

- Career Exploration
- MAAP Stars
- Job Skills/Readiness
- School to Work/Work Experience

Career Experiences

- Listen to industry speakers
- Participate in job shadows
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs

Completion Standards

COMPLETE

ALL courses

GRADES **1.5** ↑

Earn a **certificate** and **green cord** at graduation



Job Skills

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect workers in this industry to have these skills:

- Written communication skills
- Ability to work with team members
- Problem solving skills
- Decision making skills
- Oral communications
- Time management
- Ability to manage tools and equipment

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Not sure what you want to do with your future, then the Career Exploration Academy is for you. The courses' activities are designed to help you evaluate your abilities, and academic skills while exploring your career interests. Students will study career pathways, learn job skills and apply those skills in real life working situations. When you complete this Academy, you will be ready determining your future work and educational goals.

ACADEMY COURSES

Career Exploration — 32 Hours

This course offers students the opportunity to explore a variety of careers from a real-world perspective. Students will participate not only participate in a variety of field studies but also learn the occupational knowledge specific to particular careers. Career exploration inventories for a total of 8 hours include; interest, aptitude, learning styles and preferred work styles. In addition, students will work for 24 hours in Odysseyware. Units covered will include; career exploration, career management and 3 additional career and technical education units.

MAAP Stars — 44 Hours

The purpose of MAAP Stars is to help students: develop employment, academic and social skills, experience career related activities that in turn assist them in making an informed career choice, build a cooperative and competitive spirit through individual and team activities and competition, strengthen social skills and build an appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship, brotherhood, and American free enterprise system, develop self-confidence; increase motivation, and create a desire for and belief in life-long learning and to meet with, have fun with, and ultimately develop an appreciation for students and staff from other alternative program. The course requires attendance at a Spring Conference. Students will spend 30 hours of preparation while they compete and ribbon in 3 job skills related events.

Job Skills/Readiness — 32 Hours

Students will explore a variety of work-based learning activities such as; making the transition from school to work, and understand what employers expect from their employees. Additional curriculum focuses on skills for the workplace such teamwork, communication, mathematics, and technology that you will practice in your work experience activities. The course requires 20 hours of Top 20 curriculum, 20 hours of work experience web based exploration and attendance in a career fair.

School to Work/Work Experience — 20 Hours

This course will allow students to practice the skills they have learned in a job setting. Students will be working in a specific business; either a paid or non-paid position, and develop employability skills. A maximum of fifteen hours per week on the 'job site' will be an expectation for students enrolled in this course. Job sites will be required to meet child labor laws and be approved by the Job Coordinator. Students will document their experience by providing verification of wages earned, attendance at the worksite and evaluation from the employer. The experiential portion of the course will require; attendance in a tradeshow, listening to quest speakers and participation in industry tours.

COMPLETION STANDARD

Students wishing to receive a certification must complete all courses; earn a minimum of a 1.5 or better average grade. Scores will be determined by evaluating the student's completion of course assignments as well as the Coordinator and employer evaluations.

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will experience have opportunities to participate in real work career experiences, conducted job shadows, listen to industry speakers and attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day event and other regional career fairs.

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