



# Career Development at ALCS

grades 6-12

Preparing For the Future

# 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Awareness



## *Soft Skills in the workforce*

### Tie into character traits

- honesty, integrity, showing up on time, dependability, positive attitude, team-work and getting along with others, accepting differences and diversity. (Lessons additionally incorporates anti-bullying curriculum).

### Professionalism– what is it, how it connects to school

### Communication Skills

interpersonal, verbal, written, how to be assertive

### Introduce STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering Math) Careers

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Designing the 4 Year HS Plan



Guidance Direct: career/college/training software

### Interest Inventory

- Personality Assessment
- Connects to careers
- ✓ Review the interest inventory
- ✓ Curriculum Guide introducing courses available in HS
- ✓ Discussion of career interests and the connection to courses
  - Parent and student meet with Counselor
  - Counselor shares reports with 9th grade Counselor and Program Counselor

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade continued

Push-in Guidance classes Focus: career development, STEM careers, jobs in our area, soft skills, accepting diversity, discrimination. Conflict resolution, positive decision making, communication skills, success. Tie in anti-bullying curriculum.

## Career field trips/activities

### Teen Leadership Course:

- Jr. Achievement: “Career Success” – Partnership from business community teaching individual lessons.
- Leadership, confidence, communication skill improvement
- Team building, ethics in life, work
- Introduction work place etiquette
- Do’s and Don’ts with Social Media

# Freshmen Year



- ▶ College Visit
  - Experience
  - Exposure
  - Visualization
    - Connections begin to form: high school courses, grades, college/training, career
    - Transcript...what is it and why it matters
    - Information about importance of extra-curricular, community service...getting involved.
- ▶ Career/College Fair STEM focus

# Sophomore Year



Career Horizons at JCC Push-in lessons career awareness

- Review the career fields represented

BOCES Vo-Tech Tour concentrating on top 3 career choices Post-Boces Career push-in lessons

Career Zone: NYS Career Program kick-off for English Research Paper

*PLAN*: Pre-ACT college admissions test

# Sophomore Year continued



## Push-In Career Lessons (February)

- STEM Careers
- Top Careers: Fastest growing
- College, 2yr, 4yr, Tech School, Military...continue education and training

## Research Project (February/March)

- Career Zone Data: career choice, college
- Research/write paper
- Interview professional in the career field
- Class Discussion and information sharing

# Junior Year



- ▶ *PSAT*: pre-SAT college admissions test
- ▶ *ASVAB*: Career Aptitude and Interest Assessment with instruction about Department of Labor \*ONET website
- ▶ **Career Studies: Spring Semester** (course specifics in curriculum guide)
  - Guidance Direct: more in-depth career to college research.
  - Presenters from businesses, colleges, military
  - College Visit: JCC Jamestown
    - Goal: exposure, exploration. Continue learning more about financial aid and admissions.
  - Push-in lessons: Financial Aid, Senior year timeline, College Admission Tests
  - Interview Day
  - Penn-York College Night



# Senior Year



- Senior Information Night
- Fredonia College visit
- Push-in Lessons: Assessment of student plan, small group and individual counseling sessions
- Financial Aid Night
- Scholarship Announcements, emails, newsletter
- Follow up college assistance
- Push-in lessons to go over Financial Aid Awards and how to compare awards
- Job search websites
- Catt County Business Development Contact list