



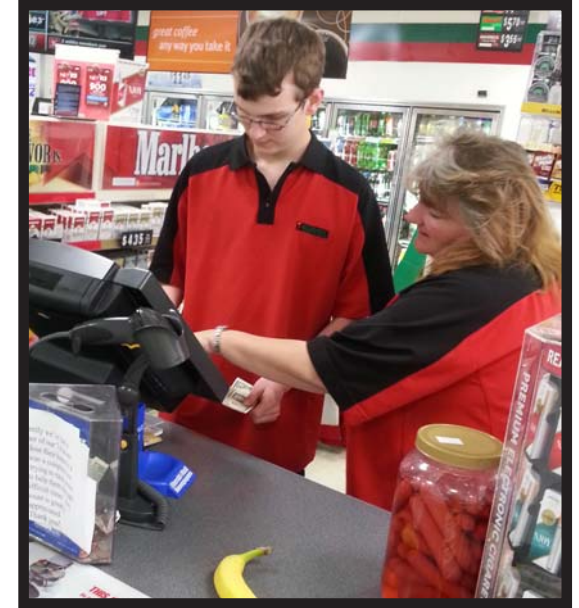


Work Exploration Keys to Success

- 
 Businesses permitting Berkeley County students to use their facilities for effective job training
- 
 Supportive Administration, Staff, and Job Specialists who realize the importance of the Work Exploration Program and the preparation that is required to successfully enter the world of work
- 
 Experienced Job Specialists supervising and working alongside students at job sites
- 
 Supportive family members encouraging and helping their students to understand and respect the workplace rules and expectations



Berkeley County Schools
**Work
Exploration
Program**



*Within the Heart of
Every Community,
Everyone Belongs*

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What...

is *Work Exploration*?

- ◆ Special Education students explore job opportunities within their community.
- ◆ An extension of the classroom where students use their learned work skills in community businesses.
- ◆ An opportunity designed to build student's self-confidence and self-determination as students' transition from school to work.

Who...

benefits from *Work Exploration*?

- ◆ Businesses gain work hours from students who are eager to experience the world of work.
- ◆ Students gain valuable work and life skills.
- ◆ Community acquires enthusiastic, productive individuals empowered to become independent citizens.



Where...

do *Work Exploration* students train?



- ◆ Innovative community and business leaders provide a variety of job sites for community-based training. Our students work in...

- ◆ Large businesses
- ◆ Small businesses
- ◆ Restaurants
- ◆ Fast Foods
- ◆ Grocery Stores
- ◆ Banks/Credit Unions
- ◆ Professional Offices
- ◆ Car Dealerships
- ◆ Automotive Centers
- ◆ Child Care
- ◆ Hotels
- ◆ Book Stores
- ◆ Vet/Animal Shelters
- ◆ Fitness Centers
- ◆ Convenience Stores
- ◆ Floral/Gift Shops
- ◆ Hair Salons
- ◆ Farm Markets
- ◆ Pharmacies
- ◆ Warehouses

Why...

should businesses participate in

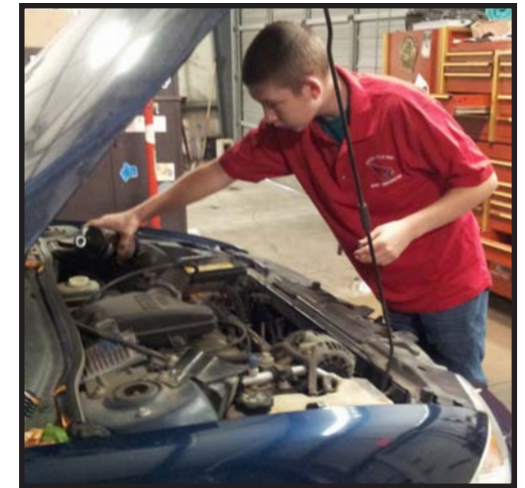
Work Exploration?

- ◆ Students supervised by Berkeley County staff provide work hours to businesses without compensation.
- ◆ Work Exploration prepares students to interact within their community.
- ◆ The Work Exploration Program helps students transition from the classroom into the world of work.

When...

will *Work Exploration* take place?

- ◆ When students turn sixteen.
- ◆ Four work assignments per school year.
- ◆ A minimum of one hour per week.



Work Exploration: Helps youth effectively explore job opportunities within their community.