

Benefits for Students and Families

- Exposure to career opportunities
- Work experiences that allow youth exposure to different job skills
- Support for post-secondary education related to job placement
- High school curriculum directly connected to local manufacturing careers



Benefits for Manufacturing

- Connection to school students and curriculum
- Preparing future employees with job skills
- A ready workforce as manufacturing needs change
- Small investment for a big return in a future employee



WAUPACA COUNTY

Investing in Our Future Workforce

Benefits for School

- Real life application for student coursework
- Manufacturing partners to assist in preparing youth for an employable career
- Career experiences that prepare students for continuing their education beyond high school
- Coursework that is adapted to local manufacturing: graphic design, engineering, robotics, metal fabrication, and much more

School to Manufacturing Partnership



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SCHOOL TO MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP

How It Works:

- High School Juniors are eligible. Students may apply for the program during the spring term of their sophomore or junior year.
- Selected students will be employed by a manufacturing partner and taught basic workplace skills and competencies.



- Junior or senior year in high school includes coursework based on employer's input, industry driven skills and DPI standards.

- Employer, student, parents and school will not be required to sign a contract, but will sign a Memorandum of Understanding about participation and expectations.



What Happens Next:

- Manufacturer/student can choose to either continue or end the employment relationship after graduation.

And/Or

- The employer may offer the student educational incentives to complete a certificate, technical, associate, or four-year degree program.



University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.

Expectations:

Employers will provide meaningful work experiences that enhance high school academic curriculum and encourage students to pursue careers in manufacturing.

Student employees will be expected to follow the same rules as all other company employees at their business.

Parents will support their child's participation and ensure transportation is provided.

Schools will partner with manufacturing to tailor a course path that will support the opportunity in manufacturing.

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