

Parents/Guardians and Students:

This letter is to inform you of an option available to students who will be juniors and seniors. Your high school, in conjunction with the Edgerton - Milton School to Career Partnership - Work Based Learning Program, offers a Youth Apprenticeship Program. Youth Apprenticeship combines technical classroom instruction with work-based learning. Students take high school academic courses to meet graduation and/or postsecondary education requirements and work in a job related to their Youth Apprenticeship area. Students are supervised in their paid work experience by a skilled mentor at the worksite and by a school representative.

The following Youth Apprenticeship areas require a one- or two-year commitment to courses and work experiences outside of the regular school hours:

- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources (including Vet Assistant)
- Architecture & Construction
- Finance (including Accounting & Banking)
- Health Science (including Nursing Assistant)
- Hospitality, Lodging, & Tourism
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing (including Welding)
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (including Engineering & Bioscience)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (including Automotive Technician)

Here are several questions to consider as you determine if your son or daughter is a candidate for Youth Apprenticeship:

1. Has he or she shown a career interest in at least one of the above areas?
2. Has he or she taken high schools courses in the area(s)?
3. Is your son or daughter willing to seek employment and work 450 hours per year in a job related to coursework and the Youth Apprenticeship area?
4. Will you provide transportation to work and/or to postsecondary education?
5. Is your son or daughter interested in earning postsecondary credit while in high school through Dual Credit, Youth Options, or Transcribed Credit?
6. Does your son or daughter want to earn a state-issued Skill Certificate by completing a one- or two-year Youth Apprenticeship?

If you answered, "yes," to most of the questions above, then Youth Apprenticeship may be for your son or daughter.

Youth Apprenticeship applications for all programs are due to Ms. Jennifer Dail by the first day of the semester. For Youth Apprenticeship information please visit the high school website. To apply students must complete and sign the application, obtain signatures from their parent/guardian, obtain signatures from their employer, and discuss their schedule with the counseling office.

The Youth Apprenticeship program provides a broad view of career options within a specific field. It does not lock a student into a career or specific area, but rather, provides multiple career options. Most Youth Apprenticeship classes are offered at a local high school or in the evenings at a college campus. Students typically work late in the school day or after school. Students are also responsible for obtaining their own employment to fulfill the program requirements.

Additional information and application materials are available through Ms. Jennifer Dail (room 211).

Sincerely,

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