Work Based Learning

Careers in Education provides relevant, hands-on learning beyond the high school classroom. After the 1st quarter, Students begin working under the guidance of a cooperating teacher in one of our district’s preschool, elementary or middle school classrooms. Work based learning placements are scheduled during normal Careers in Education instructional time, which occurs during the 5th/6th periods (last 2 hours) of the high school schedule. Students must provide their own transportation* to and from the placement site and provide proof of auto insurance. Prior to placement with a cooperating teacher/school all students must:

- Provide proof of a valid driver’s license, Michigan ID or Military ID
- Receive clearance from the Family Independence Agency Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry

* For students who do not possess a driver’s license, every effort will be made to place the student in a neighboring school that is within walking distance.

Leadership

Educators Rising is a national Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) which helps students further develop leadership skills. Students will be offered this opportunity (or an equivalent experience) to further enhance their skill development and professionalism.

Examples of post secondary education pathways in Careers in Education:

- Associate/Certificate – Para Professional
- B.A. or B.S. - Secondary Education w/major
- B.A. or B.S. - Special Education
- B.A. or B.S. - Elementary Education w/major
- Bachelor of Science — Occupational (CTE)
- Master of Science — School Counseling

Examples of careers in Careers in Education:

- Middle School or High School Teacher
- Elementary School Teacher
- Specials Teacher (Art, PE, Music, CTE)
- Special Education Teacher
- School Guidance Counselor
- School Social Worker
- Media Specialist
- Childcare Worker
- Preschool Teacher
- School Administrator
- College Professor
- Human Resource Administrator
- Corporate Training and Development
- Author of Educational Materials

Did You Know?

Careers in Education students can meet these high school graduation requirements:

- **VPAA Credit**—Students can fulfill the required 1 credit of Visual, Performing, and Applied Art (VPAA) by taking Careers in Education.
- **World Language Credit**—Students may replace 1 credit of World Language with Careers in Education when taken as a 2nd or (additional) VPAA credit.

The mission of Careers in Education is to provide high school students with valuable classroom and field experiences that will develop important, foundational skills for postsecondary education for a career in teaching, or other related opportunity, and enable students to make informed decisions regarding careers in the education and training pathway.
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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How does the Careers in Education program work?
A: Careers in Education is a unique learning experience that combines high school (HS) classroom instruction with actual experience in one of our districts’ preschool, elementary or middle school classrooms. In the 1st quarter, students remain in the HS to learn about various aspects of education in preparation for the school placement component. In the 2nd quarter, students work in a placement classroom 3 days/week and receive HS classroom instruction the remaining 2 days. Second semester, Students work in the placement classroom 4 days/week and receive HS instruction the 5th day.

Q: What does a student do during placement?
A. Students assist the cooperating placement teacher providing one-on-one, small and large group instruction.

Careers in Education 1/2 Seniors Only (2-hours/1-year)

Interested students are encouraged (though not required) to take the Parenting and Young Children course offered by Family & Consumer Science prior to applying for Careers in Education. Careers in Education is a program of study completed in a single, yearlong, 2-hour course that is scheduled in the last two hours of the school day. It is an innovative, hands-on program designed for students who want to become teachers. Students learn important foundational knowledge and skills and gain actual classroom experience working with pre-school, elementary or middle school students under the guidance of a cooperating teacher in one of the district’s placement classrooms.* The curriculum places a strong emphasis on language arts and writing. Students work with students in a variety of capacities including tutoring, supervising small groups/projects, and eventually teaching a lesson to the class.

Students Eligible for Careers in Education

- Must be in 12th grade
- Have an interest in education
- Enjoy working with children
- Have time for a 2-hour, yearlong class
- Possess an excellent attendance record
- Complete the Careers in Education application and interview process
- Have 2 teacher recommendations

Program applications are available 2nd semester during scheduling for interested 11th grade students.

“In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.” -Phil Collins

Benefits of Careers in Education

- Chippewa Valley Schools’ Careers in Education program is a state-approved Career Technical Education (CTE) program led by highly qualified instructors who earned the state required VG endorsement.
- Program completers who have successfully met the requirements are eligible for articulated credit (tuition-free) college credit at Central Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University or Oakland University.
- Create a valuable network of professionals in your career of choice and begin to build your professional portfolio.
- Earn certification in First Aid and CPR.
- Experience the joy of making a difference in a child’s life!