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Gwinnett teachers to spend week learning from local businesses and organizations

Starting **Monday, February 4**, some **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** teachers will spend a week shadowing professionals in a multitude of industries, including healthcare, engineering, marketing, government, and information technology just to name a few. This is the fourth year in a row GCPS' **Academies and Career and Technical Education** Office has sent teachers from across the school district to local businesses and organizations during Teacher Job Shadow Week.



This weeklong event allows GCPS teachers to spend time in the workplace to learn about trends, skill requirements, and opportunities in industries related to their subject area in order to enrich and strengthen their teaching and bring relevance to student learning. Both career and technical education (CTE) and core subject teachers (e.g. math, science, language arts, and social studies) from the district's seven Career- and College- Readiness Academy high schools— Berkmar, Central Gwinnett, Discovery, Lanier, Meadowcreek, Shiloh, and South Gwinnett— will pair together to visit organizations and businesses such as Gwinnett Medical, Gwinnett Health Department, Gwinnett Water Resources, Rocket IT, The Weather Channel, Novelis, and others. (A complete list of participating businesses can be found on the next page.) The teachers then will have an opportunity to develop lessons and projects for students, drawing from the shadowing experience to connect learning across subject areas while showing relevance to real-world jobs and situations. CTE teachers from the rest of the district's high schools have the opportunity to shadow local businesses as well, continuing to build lessons and experiences that will make students more marketable to their future employers.

This event ensures teachers have the opportunity to improve their pedagogical practices by incorporating new industry methods, labor market information, and employment skills that meet current industry standards. The educational goal of the experience is to increase a teacher's ability to connect theory and practice and bring

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an understanding of workplace practices and policies (e.g. problem solving methods, practical applications of theory, leadership concepts) into the classroom, thus increasing the relevance of student learning.

The following businesses are partnering with GCPS to host teacher shadowing opportunities the week of February 4-8. This list is complete as of January 23; however, additional participants may be added.

Collins & Arnold Construction
Gwinnett Medical
The Weather Channel
GCPSTV
Gwinnett Water Resources
Gwinnett Juvenile Court
City of Lawrenceville
The Path Project
Rocket IT
Community Sustainability Enterprises
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