

TEACHER EXTERNSHIP 2024

July 16–17, 2024

The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Teacher Externship Program promotes the philosophy of connecting business and education. The Teacher Externship Program connects educators with business partners by letting them experience industries and professional fields outside of the schools where they teach. Teachers take the knowledge and experiences from their externship back to their classroom to better prepare students for the workforce. Businesses benefit from participating as hosts for our teacher externs by finding tangible ways to engage, meet and prepare their future workforce.



“This program is such a great resource for our community, educators, and children. Being part of it has opened doors to many new community partnerships and allows us to grow opportunities for our next generation of workers.”

— *Katoya Eaton, Amprod, LLC*

EXTERNSHIP SCHEDULE

Our first day starts with a program introduction and tours of various industries. Educators spend the second day of their experience with one business host and the third day with a second business host. The fourth day will be a debrief and chance for teachers to discuss classroom projects with the goal of connecting students to business. Businesses have creative control over what they wish to showcase and how they want teacher extern(s) to spend their time. You are the expert at your business, so you get to decide what the schedule will look like and what you think is important for today’s teachers to know!

WHAT’S THE BENEFIT FOR BUSINESSES?

Business leaders get the opportunity to impact the future workforce. You have the chance to show teachers the best aspects of your business and send them back to their classrooms excited about what companies like yours can offer their students – from internships to jobs to careers. Teachers are encouraged to make lasting connections with their host business to continue collaboration throughout the school year.

ADVICE FROM A PAST BUSINESS HOST

“During both sessions, I believe we learned as much from our teachers as they may have learned from us. This program benefits many, including the businesses!”

WHAT’S THE BENEFIT FOR TEACHERS?

Teachers get to experience the workforce for which they are preparing their students. They are exposed to various departments within a company and can connect with business leaders and fellow teachers.

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