

GO CAPS Teacher Externship

Session Options:

June
22-25 **OR**

Aug.
3-6

The GO CAPS Teacher Externship Program was designed to promote the philosophy of the GO CAPS Program: connecting business and education. The GO CAPS Program for high school juniors and seniors connects students with a wide range of career opportunities, but the experience is limited to the students in the program.

The Teacher Externship Program invites middle school and high school educators and administrators to connect with area businesses by experiencing industries and professional fields outside of their normal school environment. The program is designed so that you can take your experiences in area businesses back to your school to better prepare your students for some of the incredible opportunities that exist in this area!

Need another reason to participate? Teachers are paid \$500 for completion of the week-long summer externship in June or August, attendance at the 2021 Winter Summit, and a continuing education project with externship participants.

Tentative Agenda:

- Monday: Program orientation at Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and industry field trips
- Tuesday-Wednesday: Full days at assigned business
- Thursday: Business tours and closing at the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
- Early 2021: Winter Summit to reconnect with peers and business partners

What to Expect:

- Exposure to leadership of various departments and functions within a local business
- Collaboration and valuable connections with area business leaders and teachers from other districts
- Opportunities to see the business world outside of the education field and gain experiences that will help students prepare for the workforce
- More than 300 business connections that educators can contact for real-world applications of lessons they teach in their classrooms

Advice from a past teacher extern:

"Do it! It's such a valuable experience. We always tell our students to try new things and get out of their comfort zones. Who are we not to take our own advice?!"

"My favorite part of the Teacher Externship was participating in professional development that I knew would directly benefit my students. I knew my time spent was worth it."

-Sarah Brannock,
Fair Grove High School



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