

DPS Career Development Spark

Middle School Industry Introduction Program



Introduce your middle school students to the world of work!

Help your students discover their passions and interests through early exposure to a wide variety of career options! The DPS Spark Industry Introduction Program partners with Denver metro area businesses to expose middle school students to professional work environments and inspire students to pursue high-demand, high-wage careers they may never have considered prior to participating. A particular focus in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art + design, and math) industries can give students a head start on their career identity development.

Program Objectives

Through postsecondary readiness and academic engagement, SPARK is intentionally designed to meet the Student Learning Objectives listed below:

- 1 Improve knowledge of Career Pathways**
 - Impact Students' future aspirations and career choices
 - Make connections between academic content & career fields
 - Understand industry requirements
- 2 Develop Workplace Skills**
 - Interact with Industry Professionals
 - Expose students to meaningful work & diverse environments
 - Recognize real-world applications of soft and technical skills
- 3 Inform School Choice**
 - Excite families about high school options
 - Discover School & Work Based Programs
 - Motivate students to enroll in our career pathway programs

Student Testimonials:

"It's very informational and shows that women or girls can do engineering, too."

- Spark student after attending Women in Engineering event at Lockheed Martin.

"I learned about manufacturing and how a team collaborates together to create an amazing outcome. Along with different professions, I didn't know existed."

- Merrill MS student after attending a Gates Manufacturing Workshop

"I loved everything about it, but I really liked when this gave us information about what degrees, classes, and colleges we should go to if it were interested in the career"

-West MS student after having a virtual conversation with Denver Crime Lab

Spark Industry Introduction Program Highlights



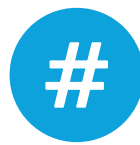
Customized Events

Off-site events, in-school workshops & virtual career conversations



SPARK Regional Coordinators

Dedicated staff support for programming in your building



3,000

of students served in 21-22 SY



FREE

for schools to participate

INTERESTED IN SPARK PROGRAMMING?

Please reach out to Sondra Osif, Program Manager of Early Exploration to set up an information session



Career and College Success

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