

MCMINNVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



PATHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

McMinnville High School's "*Career Pathway Program*" provides students with a road map of courses to take and hands-on experiences to consider as they explore career interests. It shows students the connection between their school classes and future goals and equips them with relevant knowledge, skills and experience to help them become valued future members of your workforce. The program offers six career learning areas with built-in focus areas:

- **AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCE SYSTEMS:** including agriculture, horticulture, natural resources management, environmental science
- **ARTS, INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:** including publishing & broadcasting, graphic arts
- **BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT:** including hospitality & tourism, finance, marketing
- **HEALTH SERVICES**
- **HUMAN RESOURCES:** including criminal justice, education, early childhood education, fire & emergency services
- **INDUSTRIAL & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS:** including computer science, engineering & aviation, construction

An advisory committee of business, higher education and community members for each pathway will:

- Help teachers develop curriculum preparing students for real-world applications, including implementation of career-related learning standards.
- Act as a school-to-business liaison with other potential partners. Publicize pathway events and share the vision with other business partners.
- Help evaluate career pathway program completion for seniors, including possible scholarship and internship opportunities.
- Help provide mentors for students.
- Support classroom visitations by business partners.
- Work with the high school career center to create career exploration opportunities.
- Attend advisory committee meetings.

Questions? Contact:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here are responses to questions you may have about becoming a pathway advisory committee member.

Q. What sort of time commitment do you expect from me?

The advisory committee meets twice a year and we hope you will attend both meetings. We understand if you cannot. Our goal is to create a program meeting business and industry needs. We value any time you can give us to reach that goal.

Q. Do you expect me or my company to donate money?

We want to provide students with rigorous curriculum meeting industry standards and we need your knowledge to do that. Down the road, we would value supplies and scholarships for students. We want students to be well prepared for their lives after high school and we hope you will help us help them.

Q. Do you expect me to give a speech to students?

No, this is not required but we are pleased when experts want to share their knowledge with students.

Q. What sort of activities could I participate in?

We need guest speakers, scholarship review committee members, input on curriculum and instruction, more contacts in your field and recommendations for high school equipment that meets industry standards.

Q. The six career learning areas don't relate to me. How can I participate?

We would be glad to talk with you about other potential pathways. Please contact Tony Vicknair at 503.565.4203 or tvicknair@msd.k12.or.us to discuss further.

Please complete and fax this form to Tony Vicknair at 503.565-4244.

- Yes, I would like to become a pathway advisory committee member.
- I need more information. Please contact me so we can talk more about it.

Name: _____

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