

During the 2006-2007 school year, each student at Tupelo High was scheduled to be in the Career Center at least one 50 minute class period for a career activity through their English class. There were a total of 135 classes conducted by Mrs. Ginger Witty, Career Center counselor. In addition to the scheduled classes, there were over 1100 student visits (some may have visited more than once) to the Career Center during lunch time or throughout the day.

During the first seven weeks of the 2007-2008 school year, there were 756 student visits to the Career Center. Mrs. Witty is currently conducting career and high school planning classes for all 97 English classes.

At the beginning of the school year, these were the goals for the Career Center:

1. All English classes in the Career Center at least once.
2. Lunch time seminars for students on various topics.
3. Establish an advisory board to assist with Career Center goals and mission.
4. Groups for students such as a Healthy Habits group.
5. Lunchtime Learning series for parents to help them better understand their teen.
6. Possible support groups for parents of teens experiencing various issues.
7. Business partnerships to coordinate guest speakers for classes.
8. Business partnerships to help employers identify students who would be good employees (both short term and long term, i.e. after college).
9. Job Shadowing experiences for students.
10. Career Fair for all students to attend.
11. Career Center web page with links to colleges, universities, ACT, SAT, Department of Labor where students can research careers, classifieds, student classifieds where students seeking employment can post their resumes for potential employers to view.