

Update from Flight Paths

Based on our continued focus on our referendum promises, we would like to give an update on the Flight Paths work across the district:

1. With Flight Paths focus on career exploration and readiness, it is a great focus to reiterate with students to keep their eyes on the future and continue to work towards their goals and not just be consumed with the present. It gives them hope and excitement during a tough time. This message will be shared with our 7-12 students in their back to school video along with the recommendations of 133 alumni who graduated over the past five years on the top ten things they would recommend for current high school students.
2. Brief review of internships from the spring and a general thank you to the more than 50 businesses that hosted students and the many more that assisted in their distance learning through interviews and distance learning projects. Rough plan for internships being available third and fourth quarters. It *might* be that students in internships have that as their only in-person activity and distance learn the rest. We have been approached by both Red Wing Mayo and Goodhue County Health and Human Services for the spring.
3. New format for career speakers in grades 9-12 where students will share what their career interest is and we have numerous virtual career speakers resulting in small group sessions for more meaningful interactions for our presenters and students.
4. Full launch of the Intro to Flight Paths Course for 8th grade where each student will learn about the 16 different career clusters.
5. Exploring a Partnership with InSciEd Out and developing a closer relationship with the Sheldon for K-6 specials to increase career awareness. Share about the idea of drawing what a scientist looks like pre-test/post-test
6. Accepted to present at the National Career Pathways Network Conference in Atlanta based on the work we have done so far which will include a co-presentation with Cayanne Korder now at Emory University reflecting on her experiences.
7. CTE 5-year renewal where we will be increasing the number of CTE certified teachers resulting in increased federal reimbursement dollars to the district.
8. Continued use of Precision Exams as our Technical Skills Assessments for our CTE Courses. Red Wing High School earned the most certificates last year of any school in the Southeast Minnesota Consortium and administered over 1200 certifications.