

# Mercer County Career Connections

## Student Intern

Career Connections  
Mercer County Schools  
1403 Honaker Avenue  
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### FACT SHEET

Internships give students access to primary jobs—the type of employment that leads to high wages and a career pathway. Internships are offered in all career concentrations. Students will explore an exciting career while doing real work. At the same time, elective course credit may be earned.

Students will spend a minimum of 100 hours completing an internship. They may participate in paid or unpaid internships depending on placement. Interns who spend a minimum of 100 hours at the job site and complete all related school assignments will earn one unit of elective course credit.

#### *What Students Will Do*

Students will be assigned to a job working closely with an experienced professional who will be a mentor. They will learn the company from the ground up by observing employees on the job. They will rotate through the company to learn how various departments do business. Plus, they will become a contributing member of a team as they carry out work assignments under the supervision of a mentor. They will complete assignments designed by the internship coordinator to help connect school to experiences at the job site.

#### **Students will:**

- Interact with professionals in the company
- Gain experience in an actual work setting
- Work daily with an adult mentor
- Learn about career options
- Have first-hand exposure to materials and equipment
- Learn new technical skills
- See how high school courses are used in the workplace
- Develop self-confidence about abilities

Once the Career Connections office receives a pre-application, students will be notified and may access & complete the internship packet.

For further information, contact a guidance counselor or the Career Connections Coordinator at **304-431-1204**