

In recent years, the program has received support from many Lawrence businesses:

- Aimee's Cafe & Coffeehouse
- Animal Hospital of Lawrence
- Arbor Court
- Auto Plaza Car Wash
- Ballard Community Center
- Brandon Woods
- Children's Learning Center
- Eileen's Colossal Cookies
- Family Video
- Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- Habitat for Humanity Restore
- Hy-Vee
- Independence, Inc.
- Just Food
- KB & Co
- Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center
- Lawrence Gymnastics Academy
- Lawrence Humane Society
- Lawrence Parks & Recreation
- Lawrence Public Library
- Lawrence Visitors Center
- Meadowlark Estates
- Pawsh Wash
- Phillips 66
- Pioneer Ridge
- Pizza Hut
- Princeton Children's Center
- Raintree Montessori School
- Scott Temperature Equipment
- Social Service League
- Supersonic Music
- The Community Mercantile
- t.Loft
- The Windsor Place
- Walgreen's
- Watkins Museum
- Westlake Ace Hardware
- U-Haul

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Work Experience Program



Social Skills

Work Skills

Productivity

Lawrence Partnerships

The Lawrence Public Schools Work Experience Program can only be successful with the help of community businesses like your own. Our Work Experience Program is a special education service designed to provide meaningful employment training for students with a wide variety of abilities and interests. LPS partners with local businesses to develop work sites tailored to each student's unique skill set and personal interests.

Program Design

Our program provides structured support to aid a student in one or all of the following activities: interest assessment, career exploration, skill development, employment search, and job acquisition. The amount of support and intervention is determined by each student's personal needs and long-term goals.

Program Expectations

Participating students will:

- Show a desire to work
- Cooperate with a job coach, supervisors and co-workers
- Follow directions



Job Coach Role:

- Familiarize the student with the work environment
- Serve as the liaison between the work experience coordinator, student, and employer
- Provide on-the-job support as needed

Employer Involvement

We hope you will participate in our program by providing a student with a work experience opportunity in your business. Your participation provides our young adults with an invaluable opportunity in their preparation for adult living.



Employers Can:

- Provide the student and job coach with job duties and explanation specific to the work environment
- Collaborate with the job coach and work experience coordinator to expand the student's responsibilities when appropriate
- Provide constructive feedback to the student worker that allows them to improve their employment skills