



Announcement

Simulated Job Fair

Leading northwest Indiana companies, agencies, labor unions, and higher education institutions will be participants in I-STEM Northwest Simulated Job Fair for 7th to 12th grade students on November 11th, 2009 in Purdue University Calumet's gym in the Fitness and Recreational Building off of 173rd St. in Hammond, IN. <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/campusmap.pdf>

A healthy regional economy needs a workforce skilled in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) areas. One of the prime missions of I-STEM www.istemnetwork.org is to promote STEM education and careers. I-STEM Northwest is developing partnerships between students, teachers, K-12 schools, higher education, business, and government to meet this goal. I-STEM Northwest wants to expose students as early as possible to **real** opportunities in northwest Indiana for careers in STEM areas and educate them on what are the requirements to qualify for these positions. The Job Fair is designed to bring students/future employees, K-12 schools, and business together to encourage students to enter STEM careers.

How will it work?

- **The Simulate Job Fair environment will be just like a real Job Fair.**
- Students are encouraged to prepare for the Job Fair ahead of time through activities in their classrooms.
- Students are encouraged to research the companies who will be at the fair. Each logo on the www.istemnorthwest.org/JobFair.htm web page has a link to the participant's website.
- Students are encouraged to prepare and bring with them resumes they **Hope to Have** in the future not ones they have. The role of the companies will be to critique these resumes and identify ways to improve them so they may be more qualified for positions with their company. This type of interaction can be extremely valuable for the students.
- Students are encouraged to dress in casual business attire.
- Counselors/Helpers will be stationed in the aisles to encourage productive interaction between the students and representatives.

There will be **four sessions**, the schedule is:

8:45 – 9:45 Session 1 for 9th to 12th grade students
10:00–11:00 Session 2 for 9th to 12th grade students
11:15 - 12:15 Session 3 for 7th to 9th grade students
1:00 – 2:00 Session 4 for 9th to 12th grade students

Counselors will be in the aisles to encourage productive interaction between students and companies. I-STEM Northwest views this as a community event. We hope all parties will benefit from productive interaction between everyone that attends..... Students, Secondary Schools, School Districts, Business, Higher Education & Government Agencies.

This is an educational event. Participants have been asked to find ways to educate the students about their company and point out the opportunities available to them in Northwest Indiana if they prepare for STEM related jobs. A goal is to let students know that this preparation should start now, not later.

Please feel welcome to stop by to see this Northwest Indiana event.

Respectfully,
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