

How Can the Middle Grades Prepare Students To Be Career Ready?

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-Located in the Lake of the Ozarks

-628 Students

-54.78% F&R

-11.1% Homeless



WHEN YOU WERE 12 YRS. OLD WHAT
DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU
GREW UP?

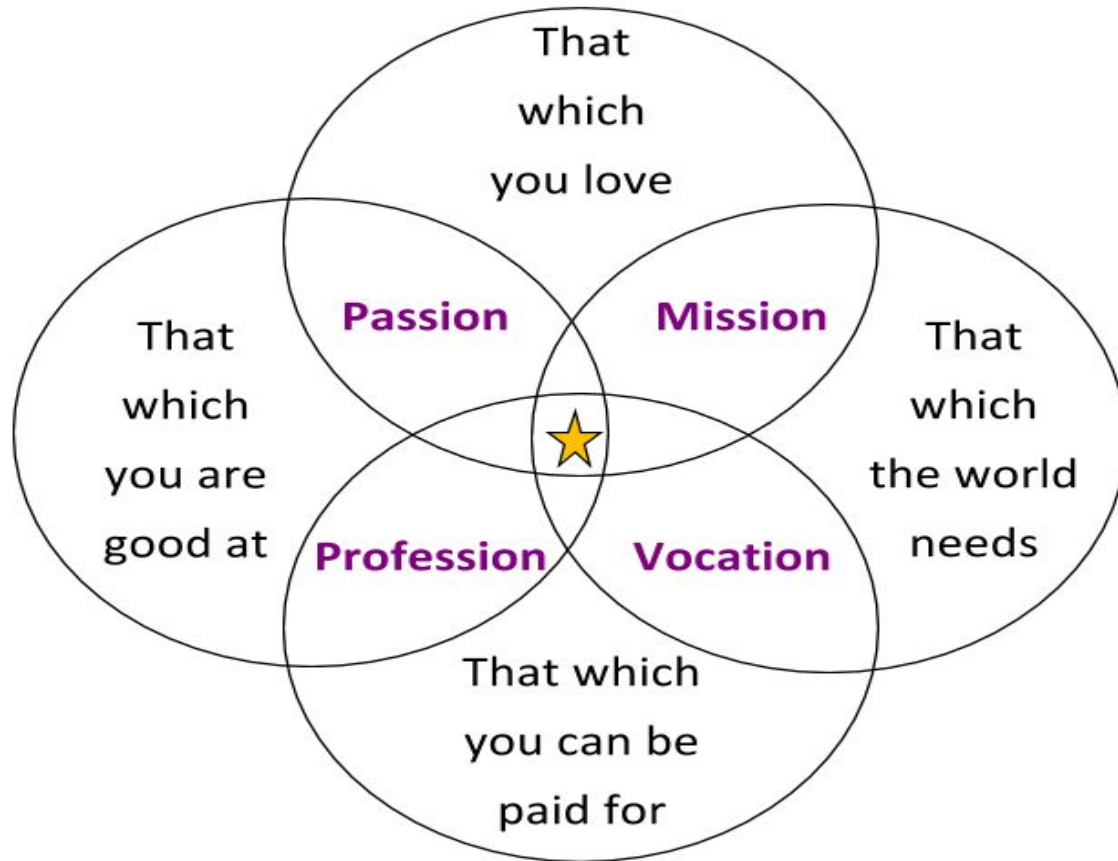


Camdenton Core Questions

1. What do you love to do?
2. What problems do you like to solve?
3. What are you good at?
4. What do you like to do when nobody is telling you what to do?
5. Does the world need it?



Purpose



WHY DO MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS NEED TO BE
EXPOSED TO CAREERS?



NO MORE DINNER CONVERSATIONS

- Parents and students talk less about their future
- Do parents really understand the variety of modern careers?
- Do parents really understand the skills needed for the variety of careers the 21st century offers?



COLLEGE IS EXPENSIVE!!!!

- Public College In-State \$9,650
- Public College Out-State \$24,930
- Private College \$33,480
- 5.1 yrs to complete a bachelor's degree



COMPETITION IS FIERCE!!!!

-83% of college graduates do not have a job lined up after graduation (2014)

-14% of college graduates majors align with their career choice (2015)



EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

All about the "C"!

- Commitment & Consistency?
- Character & Culture?
- Care & Concern?
- Communicate & Connect?



HOW DO YOU GET
STARTED????



AREAS OF CAREER INTEREST (ACI'S)

Students, teachers and community partners will collaboratively create real world career opportunities for middle school students

- Relevant learning opportunities for our youth
- Opportunities to create relationships between students, teachers, sponsors and community partners
- Application of classroom academic knowledge to real world experiences
- Discover the value of employability

Areas of Career Interest

Meet W/ Community Partners

Employability

Assess/Soft Skills

Externships

Career Path Selection

Community/
Business Relationships

Driving Question

Action Plan Template

DEMOGRAPHICS/GEOGRAPHY-WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

-Health Industry (#1 Employer)

-Education (#2 Employer)

-Construction & Design

-Culinary Arts

-Parks and Recreation

-Fine Arts

-Agriculture

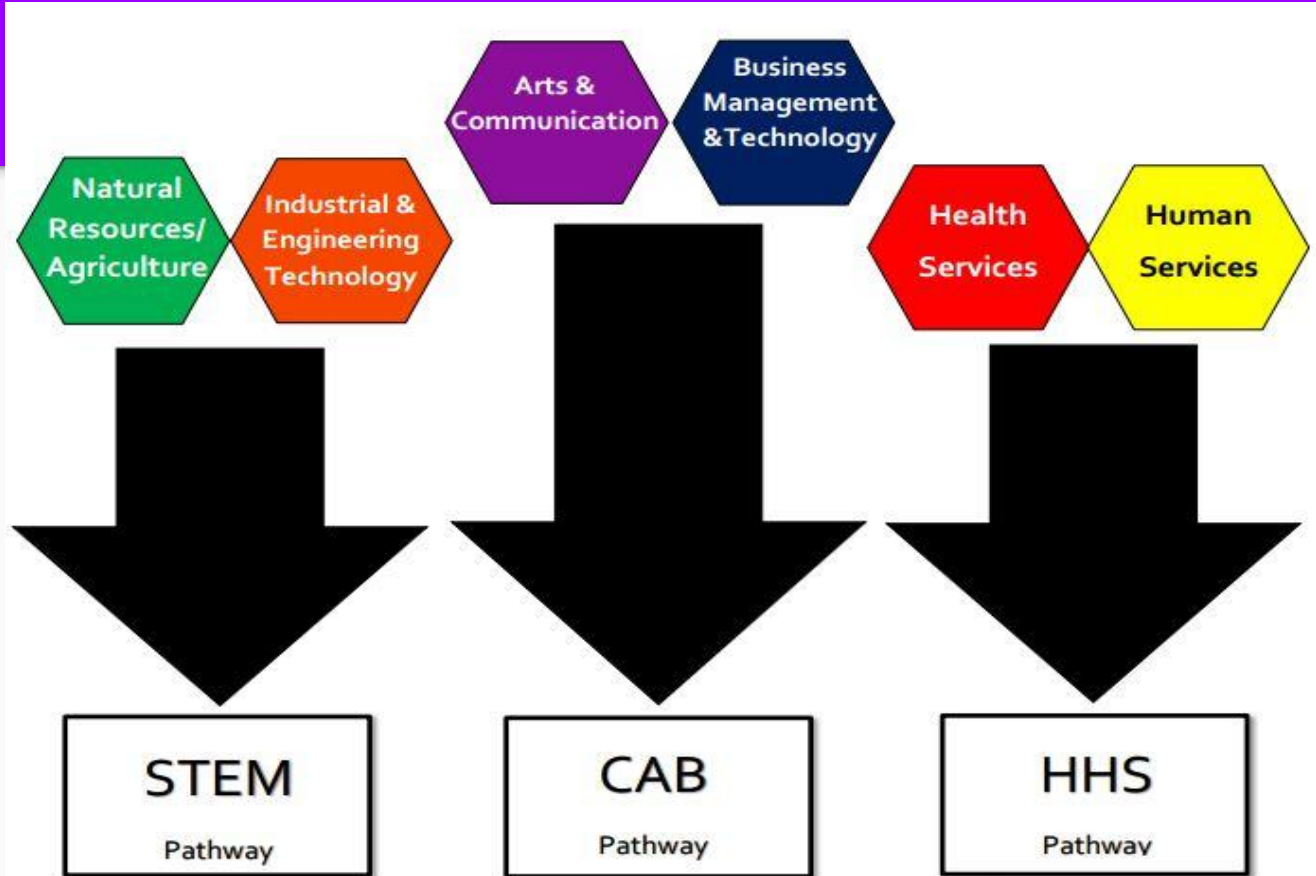
-Marketing

Community Partners Needs

- What does their ideal employee possess?
- How can the school support?
- How can the school be involved?
- What is the school currently doing that works?
- What can the school change?
- Can they provide real world problems for our kids to solve?



ALIGN TO OUR HS ACADEMY MODEL



CAREER/ACI FAIR



THE POWER OF CHOICE

Student Name: _____ Home Room Teacher: _____

1. Circle your top 2 career paths according to your Missouri Connections Results.

CAB	HHS	STEM
Arts & Communication	Health Services	Natural Resources/Agriculture
Business Management & Technology	Human Services	Industrial & Engineering Technology

2. Next, look at the Laker Pathway that your strongest 2 paths fall within (CAB, HHS, or STEM), and select at least 2 ACIs that you want to visit from that Pathway. If all of your results fall in the same pathway, select 4 ACIs to visit in that pathway.

ACI #1: _____

ACI #2: _____

ACI #3: _____

ACI #4: _____

3. Select one ACI that you are interested in knowing more about. This one **DOES NOT** have to be one that matches up with your Missouri Connections Results.

ACI #5: _____

Take this sheet with you to the ACI fair. You may visit more than the 5 ACIs you selected, but you **MUST get signatures from the teachers/student reps at the 5 you have written down.



THE POWER OF CHOICE

STAFF

- Passionate
- Needs to mirror a community need
- Needs to be a tangible product
- Understand it's teacher facilitated/student led
- Must provide an introduction to the career pathways***

Students

- Match their interest survey
- Something they're passionate about
- Does it match their career pathway
- Students help decide their project

Critical Elements



CRITICAL ELEMENTS

- Mission Statement
- Project Descriptions and Goals
- Leadership Roles and Responsibilities
- Action Steps to Projects
- Provide a Service To Community or School
- BUSINESS/COMMUNITY PARTNER!



EXPECTATIONS

Expectations

- Every ACI will set SMART goals
- Every ACI will have an action plan for each semester (set with the input of students)
- Every ACI will have at least 1 community partner that they work closely with
- Every ACI will operate under the method of Project Based Learning (PBL)
- Every ACI will provide at least one off-campus experience
- Every ACI will either create a product or solve a complex problem
- Every ACI will complete a reflection at the end of the year
- Every ACI will present on their work and successes at the end of the year.

Role of Teacher

- Choose an ACI
- Build a relationship with the community partner and use his/her expertise
- Turn in goals and action plan once the group has decided on those
- Serve as a facilitator in all aspects.

Role of Community Partner

- Use expertise to help guide the ACI
- Assist the teacher in coming up with a problem to solve or product to create
- Speak to the ACI
- Answer questions and offer guidance to the ACI
- Help serve as an evaluator for the work of the ACI

Role of Students in ACI

- Design and/or identify the problem/product that will be solved/created with the guidance of the teacher
- Investigate, research and study solutions
- Set the action plan and carry out the actions
- Present work and successes at the end of the year



PBL TEMPLATE

Laker ACI Plan

2017-2018

Name of ACI:		Teacher(s):	
Community Partner(s):		Community Partner Contact Info:	
Career Path:		Academy relation: STEM, CAS, or HH S	
<p>Driving Question: This should be an open-ended, rigorous question that engages students in the authentic work of the project. Should be able to be answered through a variety of questions. It should allow students to make connections to prior experiential/personal knowledge. It should be important over an extended period of time and be transferable to other situations. It can NOT be a Yes or No question.</p>			
<p>Begin with the End in Mind! Plan ahead and set goals on what this ACI wants to accomplish this semester.</p>			
ACI Mission Statement:			
<p>Project Description: (Summary of the issue, challenge, investigation, scenario, or problem and how you plan to take action.)</p>			
<p>Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 			
<p>First Things First! What knowledge, skills, resources does this ACI need to accomplish the goals?</p>			
Knowledge/learning needed?	Skills needed?	Community partner needs?	Resources needed?
<p>Be Proactive! Take initiative and action to accomplish your goals!</p>			
What needs to be done?	Why it needs to be done:	Who will do it?	By when?
1.			
2.			
3.			

Think Win Win!

How will what you do affect you, your future, your school and your community?

How will this ACI impact us this semester?	How will this ACI prepare us for the future?	How will this ACI impact our school?	How will this ACI impact our community?

Synergize!

What are some leadership roles in this ACI? How can we all use our strengths?

Leadership Role	Who will fill that role?	Description of role:
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

High School/LC/TC classes that align with the ACI:

List specific classes that students could take if this is an area of interest for them.

Possible Careers that align with this ACI:

List specific careers/jobs that students could prepare for that align with this ACI.



HOW TO FUND ACI'S?

- Crowdfunding
- Students plan events to fundraise
- Collaborate w/ community partners
- Self promote
- Student Showcase Event



ACI'S IN ACTION



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ACI'S IN ACTION



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EMPLOYABILITY



EMPLOYABILITY

-Critical Thinkers

-Collaborators

-Communicators

-Creative

-Passionate

-Grit

-Punctual

-Work Ethic

-Reliable

EMPLOYABILITY

CMS Laker365 Employability Scoring Rubric

		4	3	2	1
Categories:	Criteria:	Highly Employable	Skilled	Needs Improvement	Not Employable
Committment & Consistency	<u>Includes:</u>	Student has excellent attendance and arrives before the bell. Student always displays exemplary skills in managing time, being proactive, using class time appropriately, taking initiative, and goal setting. Student exceeds class expectations.	Student has good attendance and is usually on time. He/She displays appropriate skills in initiative, time management, goal setting, and completes assignments on time	Student has 2 absences or tardies without prior notification. Student displays behavior that needs improvement in the areas of initiative, time management, goal setting, and accountability.	Student is absent or tardy excessively (3 or more times during the grading period). Student never or rarely shows initiative, has poor time management, does not have accountability and does not meet class expectations.
	Attendance				
	Tardies				
	Time Management				
	Responsibility				
Character & Culture	<u>Includes:</u>	Student always displays exemplary ethical behavior, decision making, and follows all rules. Student is polite, considerate of others, and has a pleasant disposition.	Student displays ethical behavior and decision making with no disciplinary referrals	Student often displays unethical behavior and makes poor choices. Student often has an unacceptable attitude.	Student displays unethical behavior and makes poor decisions resulting in disciplinary action.
	Respect				
	Attitude				
	Integrity				
Care & Concern	<u>Includes:</u>	Student always displays exemplary personal accountability, presents his/herself appropriately through appearance, language, and body language. Student has an intrinsic desire and enthusiasm for completing work "the right way".	Student displays accountability, usually presents his/herself appropriately through appearance, language and body language. Student has a desire to complete work and participate in class activities.	Student accountability needs improvement. Student has a lack of concern for his/her appearance, language, and/or body language. Student is lacking in desire to complete work and/or participate in class activities.	Student is not accountable and lacks motivation, often presents themselves poorly.
	Self presentation				
	Work Ethic				
	Motivation				
Communicate & Connect	<u>Includes:</u>	Student always displays exemplary verbal & non-verbal communication skills including listening, negotiating, and problem solving skills. Student openly shares her/his ideas and opinions as well as listens and considers others' options and ideas. Student works cooperately, effectively, and efficiently with others.	Student displays acceptable verbal & nonverbal communication skills including listening, negotiating, and problem solving skills. Student shares ideas and opinions as well as listens to other ideas and opinions. Student is able to work cooperatively with others.	Student struggles to display appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication skills such as listening, negotiating, and problem solving. Student often has trouble sharing and/or responding appropriately to ideas/opinions with others. Student has a difficult time working cooperatively with others.	Student does not display acceptable communication skills and does not share and/or appropriately respond to ideas/opinions with others. The student does not work well with others.
	Communication				
	Interpersonal skills				
	Teamwork/collaboration				

QUESTIONS????



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