

## **Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Work Based Experiences for ATC High School Students**

Work Based Experiences (WBE) are hands-on, real-world work experiences related to a student's course of study at the ATC. Students will participate in a learning plan and will accomplish the designated tasks utilizing specific career skills as agreed upon by the Virginia Beach City Public Schools' ATC and the company. The program is voluntary and offered at the discretion and recommendation of the teacher to provide supplemental training beyond the classroom.

In order to be considered for a WBE a student must be...

- Recommended by their ATC instructor, demonstrates satisfactory completion of the Virginia's Workplace Readiness Skills competencies, and has passed their industry certification exam(s) if the WBE involves excused class time.
  - In good academic standing, and in compliance with guidelines of the Student Handbook,
  - Demonstrated excellent attendance and behavior,
  - Able to provide their own transportation to and from the WBE location, and;
- Able to demonstrate a positive work attitude and make a commitment to fulfill the responsibilities of the WBE. Responsible for adhering to an appropriate business dress code.

WBE are not guaranteed but subject to availability. Students must qualify for the experience and demonstrate strong business and work ethic skills.

Instructors will be notified of WBE's related to their class as they become available.

Specific information regarding the WBE program may be obtained from Mrs. Garvey, Assistant Director, Student Programs and Business Development Advanced Technology Center, at 648-5800 ext. 0 or via e-mail at [amgarvey@vbschools.com](mailto:amgarvey@vbschools.com).

### **WIRED Grant**

The Advanced Technology Center (ATC) has written and was awarded a \$15,000.00 grant for 14 Work Based Experiences for ATC high school students. The WBE's are funded by a United States Department of Labor, Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant and is a collaborative effort between Southeastern Virginia Partnership for Regional Transportation (SEVA-PORT) partners, Opportunity Inc., and Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

The purpose of the WIRED grant services is to provide for the development of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related work based experiences/internships for VBCPS ATC high school students, sixteen years of age or older, who are primarily engaged in the High Performance Manufacturing and Engineering strand, in accordance with the ATC proposal. Through this activity the students will gain experience in STEM related careers, practice their VWRS training and apply skills learned from their technical instruction. The overall experience will encourage students to broaden their career horizons with regard to STEM and Modeling and Simulation occupations. The grant contract is in support of the ongoing overall implementation of the SEVA-PORT Initiative, which is funded under the Workforce innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Grant, by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) through the Commonwealth of Virginia to Opportunity Inc.

Students participating in the Opportunity Inc. WIRED grant will work up to a maximum of 98 hours and be paid 10.00 an hour.

Participants in the grant will meet the same guidelines as indicated in the ATC WBE above and recommended by their instructor. For more information, contact Mrs. Garvey, Assistant Director, Student Programs and Business Development Advanced Technology Center, at 648-5800 ext. 0 or via e-mail at [amgarvey@vbschools.com](mailto:amgarvey@vbschools.com).