

CAREER FOCUSED EDUCATION

The Board endorses Career Focused Education (CFE) to provide leadership and support for a district-wide system at the elementary level and a county-wide learning system at the secondary level. CFE guides students in becoming acquainted with careers, making informed career preparation decisions, developing skills and knowledge, and preparing to compete effectively in a global economy. This program is based on promoting continuous improvement through quality initiatives, aligning curriculum and instruction within Career Pathways and coordinating career development initiatives across the county.

At the elementary level, a Business Buddy Coordinator provides real world career connections to the curriculum. At the secondary level, sixth grade students use software to complete career interest inventory and assessments. The State required Educational Development Plan (EDP) begins in grade 7 and is updated through grade 12. The EDP documents an ongoing process in which a learner identifies both career goals and a plan of action to achieve them. Other support options include, but are not limited to, career speakers, career job shadowing, a Career Resource Center, and Oakland Schools Career and Technical Education opportunities.

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