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BCPS seeks businesses interested in offering Youth Apprenticeship opportunities for high school students

Information session offered on March 23

TOWSON, MD – Baltimore County Public Schools is seeking businesses interested in offering Youth Apprenticeship opportunities to high school students engaged in [Career and Technical Education](#) programs.

Through the year-round Youth Apprenticeship Program, area businesses can hire BCPS students for paid positions in in-demand industries, including manufacturing and industries related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The BCPS CTE Office and Maryland Department of Labor will work with participating businesses to help identify appropriate positions and qualified BCPS students. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Maryland Apprenticeship Tax Credit businesses that qualify can claim a \$1,000 tax credit for each eligible youth apprentice.

“Youth Apprenticeships are a great opportunity for businesses to build their workforce while cultivating high school students’ employability skills,” said Dr. Michael Grubbs, coordinator of the BCPS Office of Career and Technical Education. “Youth apprenticeship experiences allow students to earn while they learn and gain a head start on their post-secondary plans. The Office of Career and Technical Education looks forward to collaborating with industry partners on increasing placement opportunities for students.”

Interested businesses are encouraged to register as business partners with the BCPS CTE Office and to participate in an [online overview session](#) on Wednesday, March 23, from 2 – 3 p.m. An [outline of the](#)

[process](#) can be found online. Interested businesses can also reach out to Alicia Fales, BCPS supervisor of school to career transition, at afales@bcps.org for additional information.

This is a new pilot program for BCPS. Thus far this school year, nine students are employed in apprenticeships. Participating businesses include Control Sources, LLC, Denver-Elek, Humanim, Smith Mechanical, and Windsor Electric.

The BCPS CTE Office provides students an opportunity to pursue a sequential technical and academic program of study leading to advancement in a career field. High school CTE programs give students the opportunity to transition smoothly into postsecondary education and to earn college credit and/or industry credentials in a career field of interest.

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