

## Career Explore

Career Explore is a program designed from the [Colorado's Work-Based Learning Continuum](#) to provide options for students to become re-engaged learners. It's an opportunity for students to identify and explore career pathways of interest and obtain industry specific training/certificates. It offers disenfranchised and disengaged students the opportunity to earn credits toward graduation. It's also an opportunity for students to gain soft skills and earn work-based learning experience in a career pathway (through volunteer work and internships) to help support their postsecondary opportunities. This program demonstrates how connecting the talent pipeline and business led work-based learning can provide students who are at risk of dropping out to reengage, set career goals, and contribute to their communities. The Career Explore program would not be possible without the support of community partnerships from Jefferson County Public Schools, Jefferson County Business & Workforce Center, School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Through these relationships we have built stronger programming for students both in class and out in the community.

This school year Jefferson County Business & Workforce Center sponsored 22 students through Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.

- All 22 students will gain credit recovery putting them back on track to graduate
- All students are presenting a capstone project to community partners and employers showcasing all they have gained while participating in the Career Explore program
- 18 of the students are seniors and will graduate May 17, 2019.
- 2 of the students are concurrently enrolled with RRCC earning their CNA license onsite at Wheat Ridge High School
- So far 2 of the Arvada High School students have obtained employment at their internship site

Links to learn more:

[https://arvadahs.jeffcopublicschools.org/academics/career\\_explore\\_program](https://arvadahs.jeffcopublicschools.org/academics/career_explore_program)

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