

Career Connections

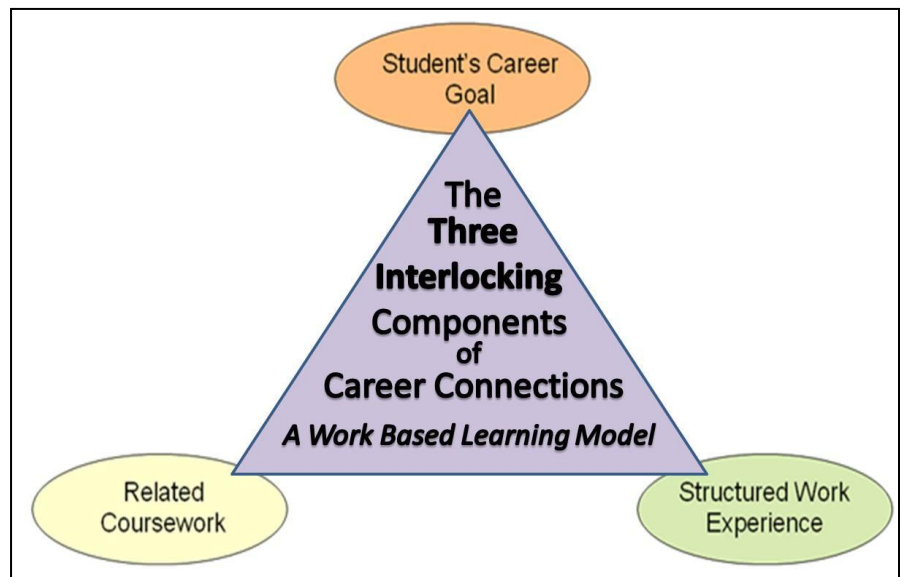
A Work Based Learning Program

Career Connections is a program designed to assist students in making a smooth transition into the workforce and/or post-secondary education. The focus of Career Connections is career exploration, career guidance, academic instruction and soft skills development.

Career Connections (CC):

- Is an exciting opportunity for students to gain real-world experience, gain high school course credit and build their resume.
- Coordinators will be looking for mature, responsible, young adults that are interested in making good decisions toward career goals. It is a “selective elective” course.
- Candidates will fill out an application for program admission, and coordinators will review attendance, discipline, grades and coursework prior to an interview process. Interviews will focus on long term educational/career goals, and students will be placed in appropriate positions related to their educational pathway and their future career decisions.
- Students will be expected to attend an orientation period at the beginning of each semester to receive program guidance and fill out state-mandated paperwork for the program.
- Students will also be expected to attend a mandatory monthly class to review program policies and procedures and learn more about soft skills and work ethics.
- Mentors will assist students in career exploration, monitor progress on the job, and evaluate students based on defined job skills and soft skills. In order to be successful in this program,
- Students will be required to remain employed throughout the semester and maintain job hours defined by the number of periods that they are released from school.
- Coordinators will place students in appropriate positions that relate to their career goal and pathway. Some CC positions may be paid, and some positions may be unpaid. Coordinators will work closely with students and mentors as well as visit students on job sites.
- Students are welcome to continue working fast food or other regular jobs that may not be related to their Career Connections position; however, those job hours will not apply to this program.
- Will replace the prior “work-based-learning” program, and as of fall 2017, that program will no longer exist in Carroll County Schools.

The “Triangle” of Career Connections includes Related Coursework, Student Career Goals and Structured Work Experience. “The Coordinator should give priority to high skill, high wage, high demand job placements that match the career goals and coursework of students.” *Georgia Department of Education*



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