

## Yes, I want to get involved with Taunton Area School to Career (TASC)

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### **My company would like to:**

- Offer guided tours of our facility
- Guest lecture in classrooms about careers
- Offer paid/unpaid student internships/jobs
- Allow students job shadowing opportunities
- Teach a teacher about our industry
- Assist with designing curriculum
- Assist with recruiting other firms
- Join planning teams
- Provide mentor volunteers
- Donate funds or materials

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## We're facing new challenges

A rapidly changing economy...A technology explosion...New standards for all students. How can our region ensure its competitiveness in a global market place?

## TASC can help

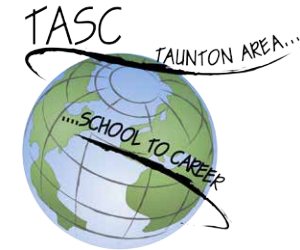
Taunton Area School to Career (TASC), a program of Associates for Human Services, Inc., a non-profit organization, helps to connect employers with their local schools so that all students can be motivated to learn, ready to work and able to make informed decisions for the future. TASC:

- Makes education relevant through combining school-based learning and work-based activities
- Encourages students to explore a variety of career pathways through community guest speakers, career exploration, job shadowing mentoring and internships
- Provides work experience that helps students gain the skills necessary for future success

## The School to Career initiative is critical to the future of every business.

In working with School to Career, employers are provided with the opportunity to:

- Gain a highly skilled pool of qualified applicants
- Reduce employee training costs and turnover
- Shape their future workforce



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## Student Internships

Student Internships are for students who are studying certain disciplines and want to combine school-based learning with work-based application. The internships help students to:

- Understand the culture of the workplace
- Develop broad transferable workplace competencies
- Apply basic skills and knowledge to real work setting

## Academic Support, Work and Learning Programs

Academic Support, Work and Learning Programs, occurring after-school and summer, are devoted to those juniors and seniors who are in need of MCAS tutoring and at the same time, have the opportunity to engage in project-based, workplace learning occurring at various

companies within the community and with TASC's carpentry and Jams & Jellies entrepreneurship projects. Participants also receive Job Readiness and Occupational Skills Training, Financial Literacy and Workplace Safety Training.

## Career Days and Career Fairs

Career Days and Career Fairs expose students to various career pathways giving them an opportunity to meet professionals from different fields and industries and learn more about their future career interests.

## Job Shadowing

Job Shadowing allows students to spend a day with a professional/tradesman in a specific career interest area. Students experience how academic skills are used in the workplace, answering the commonly asked question, "Why do I have to learn this?" Employers get an opportunity to meet the workforce of tomorrow and help students explore career options.

## Career Mentor Program

The Career Mentor Program provides students with the necessary linkage between school and the world of work. A volunteer from the business community meets with a student to tour area businesses and colleges, discuss career opportunities and familiarize the student with essential work skills. The program provides the students with the opportunity to discuss their concerns about their futures in the work world and helps them to make more informed career choices down the road. The Mentor program provides the volunteer with a one-to-one relationship and an opportunity to "make a difference" in a student's life.

### Mentor Comments

*"I learned just how much one person could impact and influence a high school student."*

**– Mentor, Johnson & Johnson**

### Student Comments

*"I didn't just gain information about future college choices, but also about myself and life in general."*

**–Mentee, Taunton High School**

## Teacher Externships

Teacher Externships offer teachers professional growth through onsite business experience. Teachers and business professionals get to share their skills, knowledge, and resources in ways that promote educational improvement.

As schools and businesses work more closely together, they realize that the skills taught in the classroom must be relevant in the workplace. Participating educators from all disciplines agree that externships help them use real life issues when designing learning activities for students. Businesses benefit as well by being able to help influence curriculum to meet industry needs and build awareness of career opportunities within their industry.

*"This was a great experience. I saw more math and technology in use than I would have imagined. I can't wait to share what I have learned with my students."*

**– Teacher, Taunton Public Schools**