

Mission

The mission of Taunton Area School to Career (TASC) is to ultimately contribute to the economic and social well-being of the community by offering school age youth opportunities to seek and understand the skills and training necessary for living and working in the 21st century.

History

The Taunton Area School to Work partnership was created in 1995 as a result of the National School to Work Opportunities Act. In 1998, the partnership incorporated to become Taunton Area School to Career, Inc. In 2015, TASC merged with Associates for Human Services, Inc. and is currently one of their four programs.

TASC is a partnership of employers and school systems in the Taunton area who have made a long-term commitment to exposing students to high quality learning experiences that will prepare them for the careers of tomorrow. TASC will foster the development of programs that link the classroom and the workplace, build student skills and awareness, and respond to the emerging needs of employers.

Taunton Area School to Career:

- Encourages students to become aware of and explore a variety of careers available to them
- Provides the necessary linkage between school and the world of work to better their understanding
- Provides experiences that help prepare students for careers & post-secondary success



"It is important to ground every young person not only academically but also with career grounding. Connecting Activities links students with workforce opportunities making sure students are prepared for success right after high school."

- Mitchell Chester, Commissioner of MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Academic Support Work & Learning



Taunton Area School to Career

"Bridging business and education to improve tomorrow's workforce"

Participating Schools

Taunton High School
Taunton Alternative High School
Bristol County Agricultural High School

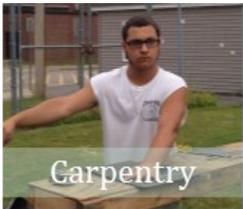


TASC, a Program of Associates for Human Services, Inc.

Academic Support Work & Learning

Taunton Area School to Career's Academic Support Work & Learning program provides students with paid work experiences, in addition to math, science and language arts remediation and instruction. The program is designed to:

- Apply basic skills and knowledge to real world settings
- Learn current technological skills relevant to the industry
- Link the work experience with an academic/vocational class
- Understand the culture of the work place
- Develop broad transferable work place competencies



Work-Based Learning

To stay competitive, today's employers, large and small, need highly skilled people who can think critically, solve problems, make independent decisions and be effective team members. There is a growing concern however, that employers will be unable to find workers meeting these qualifications.



Research underscores that the nation is not adequately preparing young people to be productive workers. Part of the problem is that most young people do not see a connection between what they learn in school and their future careers. Schools alone cannot provide students with the necessary combination of academic, technical and social skills. They need the support and cooperation of the business community.

Schools and employers can create learning opportunities that expose young people to the skills, expertise and attitude essential to succeed in today's economy.

Employer Benefits

Employers will benefit by hiring interns from their local school because they can:

- Recruit and train future employees
- Reduce employee training costs and turnover
- Share expertise and skills needed to work in the industry
- Influence curriculum development to meet industry standards
- Achieve good public relations
- Improve the skill level of young adults in the community by using the work-based learning plan.

Guidelines

Junior and Senior high school students who have met economic guidelines and are in need of MCAS academic remediation qualify for the program. This program is grant funded through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation.