

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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Job Shadowing Program for High Schools



Taunton Area School to Career

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

Participating Schools

Bristol County Agricultural High School

Taunton Alternative High School

Taunton High School



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

Job Shadowing Program

Taunton Area School to Career's Job Shadowing Program provides students with the opportunity to shadow someone at their place of employment in order to:

- Experience what it is like to spend a day at the work site
- Be exposed to the culture of the workplace
- Link the work experience with their academic/vocational classes
- Learn more about their intended future career through informational interviewing



Job Shadowing Experience

Job Shadowing is an experience for students who are beginning to look at future endeavors. TASC coordinates this experience. These students need to be recommended by a guidance counselor or teacher, have a career in mind they would like to explore and have their own transportation. Students complete an evaluation form and work towards a possible internship.



Job Shadowing can give young people a new perspective on their studies because it shows them a number of choices for their future. According to an evaluation from the Kravis Institute at Claremont-McKenna College, students also become more academically motivated after experiencing Job Shadowing because they are better able to grasp the connection between school and careers. Job Shadowing introduces students to the requirements of professions and industries, building a more prepared workforce for the 21st century.

How Does Job Shadowing Help?

Students

Job Shadowing demonstrates the real connections between academics and careers, exciting students to learn by making their classroom work more relevant.

Businesses

Job Shadowing introduces students to the requirements of professions, building a better prepared workforce.

Schools

Job Shadowing builds partnerships between schools and businesses that enhance the educational experiences of all students.

Job Shadow Day

Connecting Classrooms & Careers

"After spending a day with professionals at their jobs, my students were much more aware of what it takes to succeed. As one said, "It's easy to say that I want to be a newspaper reporter, but saying and doing are very different. Today I saw for myself how important it is to have a good attitude in any work you do, especially school-work... You need to get ready."

- English Teacher