

**Business Tour Tip Sheet - School Coordinator**

**Before the Site Visit**

❒ Identify the appropriate employer contact and work with them to plan the tour, providing materials and support where needed.

❒ Suggest that the employer bring in someone from the HR team to talk about entry-level recruitment.

❒ Arrange for transportation, permission slips, food and other logistics.

❒ Find out if safety gear is required and, if so, arrange for it to be provided.

❒ Talk with teachers about how a Site Visit can help students meet curriculum goals and make the classroom connections.

❒ Prepare students by having them research the company and practice their personal introductions.

❒ Identify and document desired student learning objectives.

**During the Site Visit**

❒ Work with the tour host. Make sure to provide time for an introduction, an overview of the business and its operations and what to expect during the tour.

❒ Ensure students and teachers receive instruction in workplace safety and orientation to workplace norms.

❒ Structure the tour so students see the full spectrum of activities and occupations within the company.

❒ Help ensure that students can observe and interact with employees at different levels of responsibility in the organization.

❒ If possible, have students experience some hands-on activity during the tour. ❒ Have students experience the tour in small groups and ask questions as they arise.

**After the Site Visit**

❒ Help students connect what they’re learning in class to what they experienced on the tour.

❒ Provide individual and group reflection activities for students.

❒ Support students in determining their next steps in learning about careers.

❒ Debrief with the tour host.

❒ Have the students write thank-you letters.

❒ Assess the impact and value of this tour and utilize employer, teacher, and student feedback to improve future tours. Document and archive information.

❒ Help students update their Career Portfolio and think about any next steps they would like to take to further their career goals.

**Go Deeper**

❒ Make the tour part of a project and have students prepare and deliver a presentation about the company after the tour.

❒ Have students create a presentation about their career pathway and deliver it to the employer partner during the tour.

❒ Take pictures from the tour and provide them to the company for their website or newsletter.

❒ Publicize the tour and the business by placing a story in the local newspaper or posting on your webpage. (Make sure you clear this with the employer partner first.) ❒ Consider other potential public relations benefits and opportunities.