



Team 2 – Aligning Education to Careers

Team Goal: Working together in Carroll County to educate world-class citizens so that our young people and communities thrive.

Progress/Accomplishments – What the team is working on and why

Surveyed all public middle & high schools and produced draft report – Questions focused on defining and tracking student success, community and business volunteers, goal setting, career education and planning, and following students’ success post graduation. The team was particularly interested in improving their overall understanding, learning what current initiatives were yielding strong results and looking for areas where stronger community involvement would make a difference.

Looked at Gallup Student Survey as possible action – deferred due to timing

Drafted Survey for Businesses – deferred

What we’ve learned

- The 4–12 education system is in flux with the landscape changing quickly at the local, state and federal levels with regards to policy and funding.
- Increased adult involvement with youth for career exploration and/or as mentors was identified as two impactful ways to increase community involvement with schools.
- A number of NH students going on to community college need remedial course-work. The more courses they need, the less likely they are to graduate. More alignment between the community college and public school systems has potential for increasing student success.
- Student success in grades 4–12 is strongly influenced by student success in the K–3 years, particularly sufficiently developed reading skills.
- There is no formal system to track graduating students to see if their graduation plans for work, college or the military work out and whether students felt prepared to succeed.
- Labor laws and volunteer policies can create unintended barriers due to complexity or cost.

What’s Next?

- The Steering Committee is suggesting that we keep this issue on our radar screen but focus on the Childhood Readiness and Success team work for the time being.
- Possibly change name to “Connecting Education to Careers”
- Listen to others thoughts

How you can help

- Stay up to date about education issues in your community.
- Volunteer to mentor or tutor students.
- Host students at your business for job shadowing, internships, or other work experience.
- Present at a career fair.
- Encourage young people that you know to follow their interests and develop their talents.