Experiential Site Visit

March 29 and March 30, 2023

Site Visit Descriptions

March 29, 2023 – *Your choice of one of the following*:

North Kansas City High School

North Kansas City High School, also known as Northtown, is located in North Kansas City near Downtown Kansas City. Northtown is the most diverse school in the state of Missouri and the eleventh most diverse school in the country. With almost 1,700 students in grades 9-12, Northtown has a free and reduced lunch rate of 52.2% and a student population consisting of 35.3% White, 22.8% Black, 20.2% Hispanic, 11.3% multi-racial, 7.8% Asian, 2.1% Pacific Islander, and 0.4% American Indian.

College and Career Pathways at North Kansas City High School

- **School of Business, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship**
- **School of Design, Innovation, and Technology**
- **School of Health and Wellness**
- **School of Human Services**

The pathways at Northtown have really enhanced real world opportunities for students by engaging our surrounding community. Our business partners and community members are helping us provide students with experiences related to their career interests that we were not able to do prior to pathway implementation. At Northtown, we also feel our students are receiving more support than ever before because our pathway PLTs meet weekly to discuss curriculum and share student successes and concerns.

While at Northtown, visiting educators can expect to see students learning through real world experiences and industry examples while being supported by their pathway teacher teams.

Northtown has made it a priority to provide a variety of authentic college and career focused experiences to all students. This has helped support students furthest from opportunity by utilizing pathways to create a vision of long-term success for all students.

Oak Park High School

Oak Park is a suburban high school centrally located within the North Kansas City School District. Oak Park serves 1,776 students grades 9-12. OPHS has a free & reduced lunch rate of 38.4% and a diverse student population consisting of 56.4% white, 13.7% black, 15% Hispanic, 2.5% Asian. 1.7% Pacific Islander, and .3% American Indian.

College and Career Pathways at Oak Park High School

- **School of Business, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship**
- **School of Design, Innovation, and Technology**
- **School of Health and Wellness**
- **School of Public and Commercial Services**

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Oak Park has built a strong sense of community within its four pathways. Teacher teams are well connected and have forged their own communities. The building layout has been strategically designed to facilitate pathway team collaboration. Wall graphics assist with identifying pathway team locations within the building and further instill the sense of pride each pathway has developed. Oak Park attendees will see newly placed wall graphics for each pathway and an instructional focus on students doing the cognitive heavy lifting and student discourse

Oak Park initially invited all teachers into the program using a strategic plan for welcoming staff into their designated pathway through exercises such as, a sorting video, staff draft, and giving teachers autonomy over their pathway choice. Every teacher was assigned a pathway from the beginning of implementation, furthering a sense of belonging to pathways.

Winnetonka High School

Winnetonka is a suburban high school with an urban tilt located in the North Kansas City School District. Winnetonka serves 1296 students grade 9-12. Tonka has a free & reduced lunch rate of 57.8% and a diverse student population consisting of 47.9% White, 19.8% Black, 18.5% Hispanic, 1.9% Asian, 1,3% Pacific Islander, 10.3% Multicultural, and 0.2% American Indian.

College and Career Pathways at Winnetonka High School

- **School of Business, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship**
- **School of Human Services**
- **School of Design, Innovation and Technology**
- **School of Health and Wellness**

The pathways at Winnetonka have enhanced the curriculum by giving teachers the time to work both vertically and horizontally. Teachers, counselors, and administrators utilize collaborative problem solving through PLT time to help promote student success. PLT meetings allow for teachers to determine how to best serve their students and set up a plan for students who need extra support. Staff also recognize and celebrate student success through the awarding of individualized students of the month which relate to Portrait of a Graduate competencies and highlight the different ways that students can showcase contributions to the community. Staff also highlight successful relationships between students which allow for productive groupings and teams across courses. We have several teachers who teach at both the freshman and sophomore level which allows for deeper connections with their students.

Visitors to Winnetonka will see close-knit learning communities composed of both teachers and students working together to have PRIDE as Griffins. We strive for all Griffins to be Prepared, Respectful, Inclusive, Driven, and Engaged. On the tour, you will notice our building set-up by pathway rather than content. This allows for in-the-moment collaboration between teachers rather than having to wait for their weekly Pathway PLT meeting and organic student interactions between peers and instructors during passing periods.

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Winnetonka has worked to build a community not just within our students, but within our teachers. We utilize a shared leadership model to promote teacher involvement in as many decisions as possible such as course progression, which pathway they are a part of, and how they want their pathway presented outside of our building. We have worked to ensure teachers are comfortable and confident in the pathway they are assigned, while still being a part of their content team. Through our weekly PLT meetings, we strive to build friendships between our pathway teams, not just working relationships.

Staley High School

Staley is a suburban high school located on the north side of the North Kansas City School District. We are a place where individual and collective strengths are celebrated to foster personal and academic excellence. We currently have an enrollment of 1,900 students, 70% being the majority population and 30% minority populations. Our free/reduced lunch population and special education population are both 20%. Regardless of where students are coming from when they walk through our doors each morning, they are all Falcons.

Ranked among the best high schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, Staley's dedicated community of teachers, counselors and community partners support all students as they combine their unique interests, talents, identities, and goals to build a foundation for success in high school and beyond.

College and Career Pathways at Staley High School

- **School of Business, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship**
- **School of Design, Innovation, and Technology**
- **School of Health Sciences and Health Services**
- **School of Public Service and Communications**

With the opportunity to focus on learning through specific industry themes through our College and Career Pathways model at Staley, students are immersed in curriculum related to their area of interest. What we've found is that it has been very evident that in schools that engage students in linked learning through industry themed pathways, students work harder and dream bigger when their learning connects to them and connects them to the world. At Staley a big part of what the pathway model focuses on connecting students with their learning and then to the world they will be entering when they graduate. College and Career Pathways and this type of linked learning is a proven approach that engages students in a way that inspires them and adds a real sense of relevancy to their educational experience. This type of authentic learning and a focus on student collaboration is what you can expect to see when you visit Staley High School.

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Northland Career Center

Northland Career Center (NCC) offers 12 programs students can enroll in as a junior and/or senior in high school. These programs are project based where students gain hands-on experience specifically related to their future career goals. Students practice what it is they want to do after high school before they graduate. NCC offers opportunities to earn certifications and/or college credit, which gives students several options after high school; immediately into a career, military, college, or a job that pays well while attending college. Programs offered; Agricultural Science, Aviation Technology, Construction Technology, Culinary Arts, Diesel Technology, Health Sciences, Heating/Cooling & Climate Control, Industrial Welding, IT Professionals (Computers), Law Enforcement/CSI, KC Tech Academy (Robotics/Manufacturing), and Teaching Professions.

Metropolitan Community College-Maple Woods Campus

MCC-Maple Woods opened in the Northland in 1969 to more than 1,000 students with a mission of preparing students, serving communities, and creating opportunities for all. Over the next 53 years, the campus flourished, with more than 4,000 students enrolled in 2021. A strong general education program featuring modern science laboratories, a vibrant humanities program, GIS Technology and an internationally recognized Veterinary Technology program make for a plethora of offerings for students starting their future at MCC-Maple Woods each year. Many students in Clay and Platte Counties attend Maple Woods to earn credit in general education courses in preparation for transfer to four-year institutions. The campus is the heart of activity for many community events, performances, and seminars. It is also home to countless activities including many student clubs and organizations as well as a local election polling place. The lush grounds include 225 acres, 12 buildings and access to local walking paths. It is the northernmost of all MCC campuses and also home to a baseball program that can boast more than 25 players signed to major leagues.