HST Pathway Overview

Health Services & Technology

What is Career Motive-8?

In partnership with area businesses, Naperville 203 will host an 8th Grade Career Exploration Day to motivate students to continue career exploration & planning. The event, called Career Motive-8, will provide students with an opportunity to connect with area businesses representing multiple careers.

The purpose of Career Motive-8 is to provide a hands-on experience to students, aligned with the district's comprehensive counseling curriculum, to deepen their understanding of the careers available in our community and across multiple career pathways. This event supports our district mission to produce students who are self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers, and community contributors.

Primary Role

The Health Sciences & Technology Pathway of Career Motive-8 is focused on exposing our 8th graders to careers in health sciences and technology fields. The charge of the volunteers is to present hands-on activities that motive-8 students to explore and engage in learning about careers in this pathway. Below are example activities to help spur your creative thinking for activities that you may provide.

Sample Activities

- Candy-ectomy
  - Allow students to experience the difficulties of surgery by removing candy from a robot.
  - Material Need: Relevant/necessary robot equipment, candy, gloves, etc.
- Physical & Occupational Therapy Simulation
  - To simulate the experience of arm impairment patients, have students perform one-handed tasks such as: opening a jar, tying shoes, buttoning a shirt, turning a page in a book while holding it.
  - Material Need: Depending on simulated tasks, may need jars, shoelaces, large flannel shirts (to button), etc.
- Vital Signs
  - Teach students how to measure a pulse (radial & carotid), and demonstrate how to use a stethoscope (Can also do other activities related to taking patient vitals).
  - Material Need: Stethoscopes, gloves, other equipment related to testing vital signs, etc.
- Under the Microscope
  - Show students what a career as a lab technician looks like by having them look at various items under a microscope. To spice it up, make a quiz/competition out of who can correctly identify the items.
  - Material Need: Microscopes, relevant/interesting slides, other relevant equipment, etc.

Materials/Hospitality to Be Provided

By participating in this event, your business information will be shared with the Naperville CUSD 203 community.

- Materials Provided
    - 8-foot table and two chairs
    - Electricity (please bring your own extension cord)
    - Wi-Fi access
- Hospitality Provided
    - Coffee/tea/water
    - Continental breakfast
    - Lunch

Any computers or mobile devices required for the activity will be presumed provided by the company or volunteers coordinating the activity. Any additional support can be requested.

Business/Organization Volunteer Attendee Expectations

1. Volunteers must commit for both Career Motive-8 sessions on October 16, 2026.
    a. Morning Session: 8:45 - 10:45 a.m.
    b. Afternoon Session: 11:45 - 1:45 p.m.
    c. Setup time available on Thursday, October 15, 2026.
2. Activities must be engaging, and volunteers must be willing to engage with eighth grade students. The goal is to excite and motive-8 students about various careers.
3. Volunteers will be culturally sensitive, understanding that not all students will be outgoing, or knowledgeable about certain careers, and come from diverse backgrounds.
4. Volunteers will manage and be responsible for all materials they are providing.
5. During the event, volunteers will work with Naperville 203 and communicate needs as necessary.

If at any point you have any questions or would like to discuss a potential activity, please contact Sue Striedl at sstriedl@naperville203.org or Jacque Clermont at jclermont@naperville203.org.

Any individuals (businesses/organizations) wishing to join us at Career Motive-8, please complete this Sign-Up Form.