

Dear Family,

We are excited to inform you of an opportunity for your student to explore careers and career pathways through MakerFest 2026.

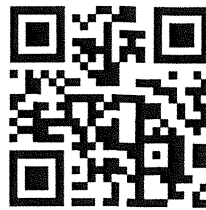
All Shawnee Sophomores will attend MakerFest on October 9th at the Allen County Fairgrounds. They will leave school around 8:30 am and return around 1:30 pm. This event will feature over 50 area employers providing hands-on activities that best represent the skills needed in that particular sector.

This career-exposure event for high schoolers will offer a preview of opportunities available through area employers. The goal is to give students a glimpse of possible careers along with information on what curriculum in their high school, and possibly college, will help them reach their goal.

Students will stop at the company booths that coincide with their areas of interest where they will participate in hands-on activities and demonstrations to get a true feel for what it is like to be a nurse, therapist, machine operator, drone pilot, etc.

Most importantly, students will find out how they can learn the skills and obtain the education needed for these positions. Clear pathways will be presented to the students so they will know where they can get training, how long the training will take and what they can earn in that particular career.

We will provide transportation to and from the event. A free lunch will also be provided. If you would like additional details about the day, please visit www.makerfestevent.com or scan the image:



We encourage you to discuss with your child what areas they are interested in or what careers they are excited to explore. A career interest survey will also be shared with your student during the school day on September 3. A rotation of seven different employers will then be selected for your student to visit during MakerFest.

We are excited to be a part of MakerFest 2026 and we hope you are too. If you have any questions about the event or need to talk with your student's counselor, please contact the Shawnee High School guidance office prior to September 7 at (419) 998-8004.

