

School FAQ



Q: WHAT IS MICAREERQUEST MIDDLE MICHIGAN?

- A. MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan (MCQMM) is a career exploration event designed to spark 10th graders' curiosity and introduce them to many of today's in-demand occupations in this part of Michigan through hands-on activities.

Q: WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF THE EVENT?

- A. Your students will participate in one of four 90-minute sessions: 8:15am-9:45 am, 9:50am-11:20am, 11:25am to 12:55pm or 1:00pm-2:30pm. Each session is split into four, 22-minute blocks so students experience every sector: Advanced Manufacturing, Agribusiness, Construction, Health Sciences, Information Technology.

Q: HOW IS MY ASSIGNED TIME TO ATTEND THE EVENT DETERMINED?

- A. Your assigned time is dependent on your distance from the event and your school's daily schedule.

Q: WHAT SHOULD MY STUDENTS WEAR?

- A. Lanyard, badge and school ribbon (provided by MCQMM) must be on display at all times. Provided backpacks must also be worn. For safety, students should not wear open-toed shoes or skirts.

Q: CAN MY STUDENTS TAKE PICTURES?

- A. Yes! We encourage students to take pictures and post their experience to social media.

Q: WHERE DO WE ARRIVE?

- A. In the boxes we deliver to you prior to the event, you will get a colored sign to display in your bus window, which tells our parking crew where and when you should be arriving. Buses will go to SVSU's Lot G3 for staging. In the event you arrive more than 20 minutes or more before your assigned arrival time, you will be directed to Lot G2 temporarily. The parking crew will direct buses where to park to unload students. Once students are dropped off, drivers will move buses to a designated, well-marked parking area.

Q: WHAT WILL MY BUS DRIVER DO DURING THE EVENT?

- A. The driver should stay with the bus. There are portable restrooms available for them.

Q: HOW DO WE CHECK IN?

- A. Volunteers will greet you at the main entrance to obtain a head count from chaperones.

Q: WHERE ARE RESTROOMS LOCATED?

- A. Restrooms are located just inside the main entrance. They are also located on the first floor of the exhibit area. Once on the exhibit floor, chaperones will be required to escort their students to the restroom.

Q: WHAT IS PROHIBITED INSIDE?

- A. No weapons are allowed. Outside backpacks, knapsacks, outside food and drink are also not permitted, with the exception of one water bottle per student/chaperone, which must be kept inside the drawstring backpack when not in use.

Q: WILL THERE BE MEDIA THERE?

- A. Yes! Students may be interviewed or photographed. Students can take pictures and video on their smartphones, but professional grade cameras are not allowed.

Q: WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT INSIDE THE EVENT?

- A. Excitement, energy, visual and auditory stimulation, and lots of people. There will be many different occupations represented, with unique hands-on activities supervised by professionals who actually do this sort of work daily. Encourage your students to walk up to exhibitors, dig right in, be inquisitive and respectful. Ahead of time, it may be helpful for them to think about which industries they are most interested in and prepare a few questions to ask.

Q: HOW CAN WE CRITIQUE THE EVENT?

- A. We encourage students, chaperones and educators to complete a survey after the event.

The online student survey address is on the back of their lanyards. Students who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for Amazon gift cards.

A more detailed post-event survey will be sent to school contacts. School representatives who complete the survey are also entered into a drawing for Amazon gift cards.

Q: WHO DO WE CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- A. Lori Friend, Michigan Works! Region 7B Area Manager lfriend@michiganworks4u.org or Kim Onstott, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works Sr. Program Director onstottk@michiganworks.com. Please also reach out to Lori or Kim if you have any significant changes in the number of students you have attending the event.

Q: WHAT ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS?

- A. Arrive 15 minutes prior to your floor time, as it may take some time to get the students into the event.

Review expectations with your students.

Distribute lanyards, backpacks and badges to your students enroute to the event so they do not lose them. Security matters, so make sure and reiterate the importance of them wearing these items so we know that they belong at the event.

Distribute parking instructions to the bus drivers, including where to go while they wait. School boxes with all materials are delivered to each school the week of the event.

Instruct drivers to enter campus off M84 and follow the parking crew directions.



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