

School-to-Career

Business Partnership Directory

2007

Educators' Guide

Business resources available to enhance the learning experiences for K-12 students.

Business Guide

Educational expertise available to enhance business relationships with education.



A project of the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce's School-to-Career Committee.
For more information, call 955-5500.

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Introduction

During the fall of 2006, the Chamber of Commerce's School to Career Committee hosted a Business-Educator Roundtable event, which gave teachers and businesses an opportunity to get together and discuss skills needed by students entering the workforce. Following this event, it was suggested that the committee look at ways to continue this interaction and to get the information to the students. The committee decided to develop a resource book of businesses that are interested in working with teachers and students that will be available to all teachers.

A survey was sent out to all of our Chamber members looking for businesses that are willing to work with youth and provide them with opportunities to learn about and experience a variety of careers. The purpose was to develop partnerships between businesses and the schools. Through the use of the survey, questions were posed as to the business' ability to participate by providing tours, speaking in the classrooms, hosting a student for job shadowing, participating in the work experience program, or providing practicum to Iowa Central students.

The response from the businesses was very positive. Many businesses are already doing these things, but others are very willing to become active with the school system. Businesses that were not able to make the directory will be added to any future directories and there will also be a PDF copy of the directory on the Chamber's web-site www.fortdodgechamber.com. Each business in the district is a valuable resource for educators.

The purpose of the School-to-Career Business Partnership Directory is to provide educators with information on taking a class field trip, having a guest come into the classroom to present, or seeing what businesses are able to participate in job shadowing. Overall, it will provide a guide of the learning opportunities available in our district.

How to use this directory



Educators

The “Business Profiles” section of this directory lists area businesses and has identified the specific areas where they can enhance the learning of students.

Each entry in the Speaker Section, alphabetized by a company name, includes:

- ◆ Telephone number
- ◆ Type of Business
- ◆ Contact Person
- ◆ Grade level they are willing to speak to
(elementary, middle school, high school)
- ◆ Possible topics

The other sections provide a business contact person, telephone number, and other pertinent information.



Businesses

The “Educational Expertise Available in the Schools” section of this directory gives you way to contact all educators within the district. Please feel free to contact them if you have any ideas that you think would be beneficial to their teaching area. A PDF copy of this directory is available on the Chamber’s website www.fortdodgechamber.com

Remember that the businesses have been contacted and are willing to help.
All you have to do now is make a contact and the connection between business and education will continue.

SPEAKERS

On the following pages are the businesses that showed an interest in speaking to a classroom of students. Some circumstances may prohibit them from speaking at the time requested.

A Unique Boutique for Fine Bridal & Formal Attire		(515) 573-7399
Type of Business: Retail Contact Person: Lynn Pedersen Best Time to Contact: Afternoons Willing to speak to: ___ Elementary Students ___ Middle School Students _X_ High School Students	Possible Topics: Retail, Customer Service, Wedding Planning, Merchandising, Operating a Small Business	
AmericInn Lodge & Suites		(515) 576-2100
Type of Business: Hotel Contact Person: April King Best Time to Contact: 8-4 Willing to speak to: _X_ Elementary Students _X_ Middle School Students _X_ High School Students	Possible Topics: Interviewing Skills, Quality Customer Service.	
Becker Florist		(515) 576-1113
Type of Business: Florist/Garden Center Contact Person: Jeff Becker Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: _X_ Elementary Students ___ Middle School Students ___ High School Students	Possible Topics: Trees	
Boy Scouts of America		(515) 574-9023
Type of Business: Youth Organization Contact Person: Cari Feldmann Best Time to Contact: Anytime Willing to speak to: _X_ Elementary Students _X_ Middle School Students _X_ High School Students	Possible Topics: Time Management, Relationships.	
Brandt, Nielsen & Associates, LLC		(515) 573-1188
Type of Business: Financial Planning & Investment Management Contact Person: John Nielsen Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: _X_ Elementary Students _X_ Middle School Students _X_ High School Students	Possible Topics: Financial Topics.	

City Councilperson		(515) 955-3014
Type of Business: City Councilperson Contact Person: Jane Burleson Best Time to Contact: 8:30-2		Possible Topics:
Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input type="checkbox"/> High School Students		
City of Fort Dodge		(515) 576-6869
Type of Business: Local Government Contact Person: Jamie Anderson, Jim Vollmer Best Time to Contact: 9-4		Possible Topics: Types of Jobs with the City. Education/Skills required. Diversity Appreciation.
Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		
CSBank		(515) 955-2265
Type of Business: Bank Contact Person: Karen Wood, Matt Wagner, Kari Suhrbier Best Time to Contact: 9-5		Possible Topics: Family Finance, Savings.
Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		
Culvers of Fort Dodge		(515) 576-3500
Type of Business: Restaurant Contact Person: Bobbi Shine Best Time to Contact: 8-5		Possible Topics: History of Culvers, Operations of Culvers, Difference between quick- service & fast food, Profit & Loss.
Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		
Foreman, Jeff O.D.		(515) 955-7777
Type of Business: Optometry Contact Person: Jackie Best Time to Contact: 8-5		Possible Topics: Eyes
Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		

Fort Dodge Area Chamber of Commerce		(515) 955-5500
Type of Business: Business Promotion Contact Person: Sandi Stamp Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Chamber of Commerce. Marketing & Public Relations. Small Business & Entrepreneurship.	
Fort Dodge Correctional Facility		(515) 574-4700
Type of Business: Correctional Facility Contact Person: Nancy Strait, Human Resources Best Time to Contact: 8-4:30 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics:	
Fort Dodge Ford-Toyota		(515) 576-7505
Type of Business: Car Sales, Leasing, Service Contact Person: Casey Johnson, Matt Johnson Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Financing, Leasing, Character Counts, Team Work, Goal Setting	
Fort Dodge Police Department		(515) 573-1426
Type of Business: Law Enforcement Contact Person: Chief Doug Utley, Capt. Kevin Doty Best Time to Contact: 8-4:30 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Stranger Awareness, Bicycle Safety, Drugs, Law Enforcement as a Career, Crime Scene, etc.	
Friendship Haven		(515) 573-2121
Type of Business: Continuing Care Retirement Community Contact Person: Nancy Hamilton, Jodi Berns-Lennon Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Aging, Caregiving, Wellness, Nutrition, Dementia, Activities Planning.	

Gunderson Funeral Home		(515) 576-7128
Type of Business: Funeral Home & Crematory Contact Person: Kevin Rogers Best Time to Contact: Mornings Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Death, Grief, Funerals.	
Heartland Communications Group		(515) 955-1600
Type of Business: Publishing & Marketing Contact Person: Sara Blair Best Time to Contact: 7-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Interviewing, Resumes, Tips for Success at Work	
Iowa Central Community College		(515) 574-1144
Type of Business: Community College Contact Person: Marlene McComas Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Career Opportunities in all programs at Iowa Central.	
Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services		(515) 573-8175
Type of Business: State Agency, provides employment & training Contact Person: Mary Augustus, Lori Kolbeck Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Disability Awareness & Etiquette, Job Seeking Skills, Career Planning, (interests, aptitudes, values)	
Jim's Carpet One Floor & Home		(515) 955-2207
Type of Business: Retail & Commercial Floor Covering/Cabinets Contact Person: Jim Porter Best Time to Contact: After 2 pm Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Education as how it relates to working with the public.	

Johnson Law Firm		(515) 573-2181
Type of Business: Law Practice Contact Person: Stu Cochrane Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: The Legal System, Role of Lawyers	
Kirkberg Connections		(515) 573-2037
Type of Business: Personal Jeweler Contact Person: Cary Estlund Best Time to Contact: 9-3 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Diamonds, Retail Jewelry.	
Koch Nitrogen Co.		(515) 543-4365
Type of Business: Fertilizer Manufacturing Facility Contact Person: Michael Kleis Best Time to Contact: 8-4:30 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Refining Industry, Technical Careers in the Process Industry	
McClure Engineering Co.		(515) 576-7155
Type of Business: Consulting Engineering Contact Person: Amy Bruno for Terry Lutz Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Business Topics, Professional Sources, Important Skills for Viability in the Workplace.	
Memories in Motion		(515) 576-0358
Type of Business: Video Production Contact Person: Dean or Julie Davis Best Time to Contact: Anytime Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Video Editing, Camera Techniques, Video Production, Professional Musicianship	

NEW Cooperative, Inc.		(515) 955-2040
Type of Business: Agriculture Retail, Grain Elevator Contact Person: Lynn Dreyer, Bob Dobson Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Role of technology in Agriculture, Employment Opportunities, Qualifications needed.	
New York Life Insurance Co.		(515) 955-1007
Type of Business: Insurance, Long Term Care, Annuities Contact Person: Ted Hughhins Best Time to Contact: 8:30-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Planning for the Future. Income Strategy & Solutions. Customer Service. Insurance, Whole Life vs Term	
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network		(515) 576-1194
Type of Business: Sales of Insurance & Investments Contact Person: Scott McQueen Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Sales, Goals, Life Insurance, Finances.	
Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Specialists		(515) 955-6767
Type of Business: Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Contact Person: Melody Porter (for Drs. Race, Li, Moritz, Johnson) Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Bone/Muscle Anatomy, Sports Injury Prevention, Anatomy, medicine, Medical Careers, etc.	
Paula's Treasures Upscaled Used Furniture		(515) 573-7771
Type of Business: Consignment Store Contact Person: Paula Anderson Best Time to Contact: 8-9 a.m. Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Building your Business, To have the education, drive, & passion for the business.	

Ridgewood Lanes		(515) 570-4403
Type of Business: Bowling Center Contact Person: Bill & Nicole Larson Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Topics: How bowling is a fun way to participate in group sports & make new friends.
ServiceMaster Clean		(515) 573-5112
Type of Business: Residential/Commercial Cleaning Contact Person: Daryl or Bana Starrett Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Topics: Business Ownership Franchises.
TEAM Services		(515) 576-2098
Type of Business: Engineering Contact Person: Mike Ascherl Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Topics: Careers in Engineering, Environmental, Construction, Structural, & Geo-technical.
Trinity Health Systems		(515) 574-6682
Type of Business: Healthcare/Hospital Contact Person: Ted Vaughn Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Topics: Human Resources: Interviewing, Careers, Expectations. Healthcare: Laboratory, Radiology, Nursing, Maintenance, etc.
United States Gypsum		(515) 573-1837
Type of Business: Gypsum Wallboard Manufacturing Contact Person: Steven Dunn Best Time to Contact: 10-3 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Topics: Careers in Human Resources, Accounting & Engineering with USG

United Way & Community Foundation		(515) 573-3179
Type of Business: Non-Profit Contact Person: Laurie Hagey Best Time to Contact: 9-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Philanthropy for Young People, Non-profit Careers, Local Social Issues	
Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.		(515) 576-7774
Type of Business: Human Services Contact Person: Justin Jones Best Time to Contact: 8-4:30 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Ways to serve in the Community to assist those in need.	
VeraSun Energy, Fort Dodge		(515) 955-5000
Type of Business: Ethanol Production Contact Person: Troy Shaner Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Ethanol/Industry Mathematics, Science	
Webster County Historical Society		(515) 576-2785
Type of Business: Historical Society Contact Person: Roger Natte Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Webster County & Fort Dodge History. Fort Dodge Architecture.	
Wells Fargo Bank		(515) 573-6106
Type of Business: Bank, Full Range of Financial Services Contact Person: Chris Ten Eyck, Ann Lenox Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to speak to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students	Possible Topics: Savings-Checking, Check Registers, Applying for Credit, College Accounts & Financing of All Types, Managing Credit.	

Woodruff Construction, LLC**(515) 576-1118**

Type of Business: Construction
Contact Person: Jason Rechkemmer
Best Time to Contact: 8-5

Possible Topics:
 Math Science Relation to
 Construction/Technical
 Field, Management

Willing to speak to: Elementary Students
 Middle School Students
 High School Students

YMCA**(515) 573-7107**

Type of Business: Fitness Center
Contact Person: David Pearson
Best Time to Contact: Anytime

Possible Topics:
 Fitness,
 Athletic Opportunities,
 Workout Programs.

Willing to speak to: Elementary Students
 Middle School Students
 High School Students

Type of Business:
Contact Person:
Best Time to Contact:

Possible Topics:

Willing to speak to: Elementary Students
 Middle School Students
 High School Students

Tours

On the following pages you will find information on businesses, listed in alphabetical order, which have agreed to provide tours to students.

ELE Elementary Students
MS Middle School Students
HS High School Students

List of those willing to give Tours

Business	Contact Person	Phone	ELE	MS	HS
AmericInn Lodge & Suites	April King	576-2100	X	X	X
Becker Florist	Jeff Becker	576-1113	X	X	X
ChildCare Discovery Center	Tammy McNeil	576-6771	X	X	X
City of Fort Dodge	Jamie Anderson	576-6869	X	X	X
Culvers of Fort Dodge	Bobbi Shine	576-3500	X	X	X
Fastenal Company	Sheri Gangestad	576-2677	X	X	X
Foreman, Jeff O.D.	Jackie	955-7777	X	X	X
Fort Dodge Ford-Toyota	Casey/Matt Johnson	576-7505	X	X	X
Fort Dodge Police Dept.	Capt. Doug Utley	573-1426	X	X	X
Friendship Haven	Nancy Hamilton	573-6764	X	X	X
Goodwill Industries	Loree Lee	955-4688			X
Gunderson Funeral Home	Kevin Rogers	576-7128	X	X	X
Heartland Communications	Sara Blair	955-1600	X	X	X
Hy-Vee	Sue Hirschman	573-4105	X	X	X
Iowa Central Comm. College	Marlene McComas	574-1144	X	X	X
Jim's Carpet One Floor & Home	Jim Porter	955-2207	X	X	X
Memories in Motion	Dean/Julie Davis	576-0358	X	X	X
New York Life Insurance Co.	Ted Huggins	955-1007		X	X
Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine	Melody Porter	955-6767	X	X	X
Ridgewood Lanes	Bill/Niccole Larson	576-7214	X	X	X
Shoppers Supply	Anita Harris	955-1727	X	X	X
United States Gypsum	Steven Dunn	573-1837			X
United Way & Comm. Foundation	Laurie Hagey	573-3179		X	X
VeraSun Energy of Fort Dodge	Troy Shaner	955-5000			X
Webster County Historical Society	Roger Natte	576-2785	X	X	X
Wells Fargo Bank	Ann Lenox	573-6131	X		
Woodruff Construction	Jason Rechkemmer	576-1118		X	X
YMCA	David Pearson	573-7107	X	X	X

Job Shadowing

On the following pages you will find information on businesses, listed in alphabetical order, which have agreed to participate in the Job Shadowing experience. Levels are indicated.

MS Middle School Students

HS High School Students

A Unique Boutique for Fine Bridal & Formal Attire		(515) 573-7399
Type of Business: Retail Contact Person: Lynn Pedersen Best Time to Contact: Afternoons Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Sales, Customer Service, Merchandising.
ABC Lawn Care LLC		(515) 955-5883
Type of Business: Lawn & Landscape Maintenance & Installation Contact Person: Mark/Shelli Groat Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Applicators, Mowing, Maintenance, Landscaping.
AmericInn Lodge & Suites		(515) 576-2100
Type of Business: Hotel Contact Person: April King Best Time to Contact: 8-4 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Front Desk, Housekeeping.
Bacon, Curt Body Shop		(515) 576-0202
Type of Business: Auto Body Repair Contact Person: Curt Bacon Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Body Tech Helper.
Becker Florist		(515) 576-1113
Type of Business: Florist/Garden Center Contact Person: Jeff Becker Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Gift Shop/Flower Arranging, Garden Center/Greenhouse.

ChildCare Discovery Center		(515) 576-6771
Type of Business: Child Care Center with Preschool Contact Person: Tammy McNeil Best Time to Contact: 9-3 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments:
City of Fort Dodge		(515) 576-6869
Type of Business: Local Government Contact Person: Jamie Anderson, Jim Vollmer Best Time to Contact: 9-4 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments:
Culvers of Fort Dodge		(515) 576-3500
Type of Business: Restaurant Contact Person: Bobbi Shine Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Kitchen Cook, Front Line, Registers & Hospitality.
Fastenal Company		(515) 576-2677
Type of Business: Industrial & Construction Supplies Contact Person: Sheri Gangestad Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Support-Internal Store Functions.
Foreman, Jeff O.D.		(515) 955-7777
Type of Business: Optometry Contact Person: Jackie Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Optical.

Fort Dodge Correctional Facility		(515) 574-4700
Type of Business: Correctional Facility Contact Person: Nancy Strait Best Time to Contact: 8-4:30 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Must be approved by the Warden.
Fort Dodge Ford-Toyota		(515) 576-7505
Type of Business: Car Sales, leasing, service Contact Person: Casey/Matt Johnson Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Sales, Service, Body Shop.
Fort Dodge Police Department		(515) 573-1426
Type of Business: Law Enforcement Contact Person: Chief Doug Utley, Capt. Kevin Doty Best Time to Contact: 8-4:30 Willing to Job Shadow: <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Patrol, Detectives.
Friendship Haven		(515) 573-2121
Type of Business: Continuing Care Retirement Community Contact Person: Nancy Hamilton, Jodi Berns-Lennon Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Grounds, Housekeeping, Laundry, Maintenance.
Goodwill Industries		(515) 955-4688
Type of Business: Retail Contact Person: Loree Lee Best Time to Contact: 8:30-2:30 Willing to Job Shadow: <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: General Retail.

Gunderson Funeral Home		(515) 576-7128
Type of Business: Funeral Home & Crematory Contact Person: Kevin Rogers Best Time to Contact: Mornings Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments:
Heartland Communications Group		(515) 955-1600
Type of Business: Publishing & Marketing Contact Person: Sara Blair Best Time to Contact: 7-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: HR, Accounting, Billing, Collections, I/T, Sales, Web, Graphic Design.
Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services		(515) 573-8175
Type of Business: State Agency/Provides Employment & Training Contact Person: Mary Augustus, Lori Kolbeck Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Vocational Counseling.
Jims Carpet One Floor & Home		(515) 955-2207
Type of Business: Retail & Commercial Floor Covering/Cabinets Contact Person: Jim Porter Best Time to Contact: After 2 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Entire Store & possibly a job site if working in town that day.
Johnson Law Firm		(515) 573-2181
Type of Business: Law Practice Contact Person: Stu Cochrane Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments:

Kirkberg Connections		(515) 573-2037
Type of Business: Personal Jeweler Contact Person: Cary Estlund Best Time to Contact: 9-3 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Retail, Some Designing.
McLure Engineering Co.		(515) 576-7155
Type of Business: Consulting Engineering Contact Person: Amy Bruno for Terry Lutz Best Time to Contact: Willing to Job Shadow: _____ Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments:
Memories In Motion		(515) 576-0358
Type of Business: Video Production Contact Person: Dean /Julie Davis Best Time to Contact: Anytime Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Video Production.
NEW Cooperative		(515) 955-2040
Type of Business: Agriculture Retail, Grain Elevator Contact Person: Lynn Dreyer, Bob Dobson Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Accounting, Clerical, Administration.
Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Specialists		(515) 955-6767
Type of Business: Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Contact Person: Melody Porter (for Drs. Race, Li, Moritz, Johnson) Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Radiology (X-ray), Physical Therapy, Orthopaedics.

Paula's Treasures Upscaled Used Furniture**(515) 573-7771**

Type of Business: Consignment Store
Contact Person: Paula Anderson
Best Time to Contact: Mornings (8-9)

Willing to Job Shadow: Middle School Students
 High School Students

Possible Departments:
 Bookkeeping, Cashier,
 Deposits, Inventory,
 Cleaning, Public Relations,
 Marking Items.

Party Productions**(515) 576-1488**

Type of Business: Party Store
Contact Person: Cheryl Sherry, Dan Garst
Best Time to Contact: 9-11

Willing to Job Shadow: _____ Middle School Students
 High School Students

Possible Departments:
 All Departments
 throughout the store.

Ridgewood Lanes**(515) 570-4403**

Type of Business: Bowling Center
Contact Person: Bill & Niccole Larson
Best Time to Contact: 8-5

Willing to Job Shadow: Middle School Students
 High School Students

Possible Departments:
 Administrative,
 Mechanical.

ServiceMaster Clean**(515) 573-5112**

Type of Business: Residential & Commercial Cleaning
Contact Person: Daryl/Bana Starrett
Best Time to Contact: 8-5

Willing to Job Shadow: _____ Middle School Students
 High School Students

Possible Departments:
 Carpet & Furniture
 Cleaning.

Shoppers Supply**(515) 955-1727**

Type of Business: Farm Store
Contact Person: Anita Harris
Best Time to Contact: 7-3

Willing to Job Shadow: _____ Middle School Students
 High School Students

Possible Departments:

St. Edmond Catholic Schools		(515) 955-6077
Type of Business: Education Contact Person: Sister Delores Hannon, Chuck Elbert, Linda Mitchell Best Time to Contact: 9-2 Willing to Job Shadow: <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Shadowing a Teacher.
TEAM Services		(515) 576-2098
Type of Business: Engineering Contact Person: Mike Ascherl Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Lab Technician.
Tom Thumb Deli & DQ		(515) 955-6125
Type of Business: Convenience Store & Dairy Queen Contact Person: Steve Lawler Best Time to Contact: 11-1 Willing to Job Shadow: <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: DQ Training.
United Way & Community Foundation		(515) 573-3179
Type of Business: Non-Profit Contact Person: Laurie Hagey Best Time to Contact: 9-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments: Executive, Office Manager, Youth Programs.
Woodruff Construction		(515) 576-1118
Type of Business: General Contractor, Commercial Construction Contact Person: Jason Rechkemmer Best Time to Contact: 8-5 Willing to Job Shadow: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle School Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School Students		Possible Departments:

Work Experience

On the following pages you will find information on businesses, listed in alphabetical order, which have agreed to be involved with the Work Experience Program for seniors.

List of those willing to provide Work Experience for Seniors

Business	Individual	Phone Number
ABC Lawn Care	Mark/Shelli Groat	955-5883
AmericInn Lodge & Suites	April King	576-2100
Bacon, Curt Body Shop	Curt Bacon	576-0202
ChildCare Discovery Center	Tammy McNeil	576-6771
City of Fort Dodge	Jamie Anderson	576-6869
Country Inn	Holly Jepsen	955-2259
Culvers of Fort Dodge	Bobbi Shine	576-3500
Fastenal Company	Sheri Gangestad	576-2677
Foreman, Jeff O.D.	Jackie	955-7777
Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce	Sandi Stamp	955-5500
Fort Dodge Correctional Facility	Nancy Strait	574-4700
Fort Dodge Fort-Toyota	Casey/Matt Johnson	576-7505
Fort Dodge Police Department	Capt. Doug Utley	573-1426
Friendship Haven	Nancy Hamilton	573-6764
Goodwill Industries	Loree Lee	955-4688
Hy-Vee	Sue Hirschman	573-4105
Jims Carpet One Floor & Home	Jim Porter	955-2207
Paula's Treasures Upscaled Used Furniture	Paula Anderson	573-7771
Ridgewood Lanes	Bill & Niccole Larson	576-7214
ServiceMaster Clean	Daryl/Bana Starrett	573-5112
Shoppers Supply	Anita Harris	955-1727
Tom Thumb Deli & DQ	Steve Lawler	955-6125
Trinity Health Systems	Ted Vaughn	574-6682
United Way & Community Foundation	Laurie Hagey	573-3179
Upper Des Moines Opportunity	Justin Jones	576-7774
Woodruff Construction	Jason Rechkemmer	576-1118
YMCA	David Pearson	573-7107

Practicum

List of those willing to provide Practicum for Iowa Central Students

Business	Individual	Phone	Area
Bacon, Curt Body Shop	Curt Bacon	576-0202	Body Tech Helper.
ChildCare Discovery Center	Tammy McNeil	576-6771	
Country Inn	Holly Jepsen	955-2259	Hotel/Motel Management, Hospitality Management.
Friendship Haven	Nancy Hamilton	573-6764	Nursing. (Could utilize all areas of campus. Ex. Assisted Living, Skilled & Dementia Care, Restorative).
New Cooperative	Lynn Dreyer Bob Dobson	955-2040	Electrical Maintenance, Agronomy Internship, Accounting, Clerical.
Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists	Melody Porter	955-1123	Nursing, Radiology.
ServiceMaster Clean	Bana Starrett	573-5112	Carpet/Furniture Cleaning, Floor Waxing/Maintenance, Fire Clean-up, General Cleaning Projects.
St. Edmond Catholic Schools	Sister Delores	955-6077	Education Department.
TEAM Services	Mike Ascherl	576-2098	Lab Technicians, Field Technicians, Data Entry.
United Way & Community Foundation	Laurie Hagey	573-3179	Clerical, Marketing, Youth Services-Education, Graphic Design, Web Site.
Upper Des Moines Opportunity	Justin Jones	576-7774	Receptionist, Outreach Specialist.
VeraSun Energy	Troy Shaner	955-5000	Internships: Lab, Maintenance.
Webster County Historical Society	Roger Natte	576-2785	History.

Advisory Committee

List of those willing to serve on an Advisory Committee

Business	Individual	Phone #
AmericInn Lodge & Suites	April King	576-2100
Boy Scouts of America	Cari Feldmann	574-9023
Brandt, Nielsen & Associates	John Nielsen	573-1188
Citizens Community Credit Union	Mary Winterboer	955-5524
City Councilperson	Jane Burleson	955-3014
City of Fort Dodge	Jamie Anderson	576-6869
Country Inn	Holly Jepsen	955-2259
Fastenal Company	Sheri Gangestad	576-2677
Foreman, Jeff O.D.	Jeff Foreman	955-7777
Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce	Sandi Stamp	955-5500
Fort Dodge Police Dept.	Doug Utley/Kevin Doty	573-1426
Friendship Haven	Nancy Hamilton	573-6764
Goodwill Industries	Loree Lee	955-4688
Heartland Communications	Sara Blair	955-1600
Hy-Vee	Sue Hirschman	573-4105
Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Mary Augustus/Lori Kolbeck	573-8175
Jim's Carpet One Floor & Home	Jim Porter	955-2207
Koch Nitrogen Co.	Michael Kleis	515-543-4365
Memories in Motion	Julie Davis	576-0358
New York Life Insurance	Ted Huggins	955-1007
Paula's Treasures Upscaled Used Furniture	Paula Anderson	573-7771
Ridgewood Lanes	Bill/Nicole Larson	570-4403
ServiceMaster Clean	Bana Starrett	573-5112
Trinity Health Systems	Ted Vaughn	574-6682
United Way & Community Foundation	Laurie Hagey	573-3179
Upper Des Moines Opportunity	Justin Jones	576-7774
Watters Landscaping	Dennis Watters	570-4995
Woodruff Construction	Jason Rechkemmer	576-1118

Educational Expertise Available in Schools

For an updated list of area educators, administrators, and board members, please view them at the following web-sites:

Fort Dodge Community Schools: www.fort-dodge.k12.ia.us

Fort Dodge Catholic Schools: www.st-edmond.pvt.k12.ia.us

Community Christian Schools: www.ccsfd.org

Iowa Central Community College: www.iowacentral.edu

