

# South Plains

# TEACHER EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM BUSINESS OVERVIEW



To prepare students for the workforce, externships are an effective conduit through which teachers acquire valuable experience within in industry. Through this program, teachers gain industry perspective for the skills training their students need to be successful in the real world. Externships also give businesses an opportunity to impart knowledge of career opportunities, hiring trends, and required skills for work in various industry sectors.

The South Plains Teacher Externship experience will provide teachers with three working days at a local business in the summer of 2019. This is not a tour; businesses are asked to provide teachers with hands-on experience and opportunities for observation in their business.

For South Plains teachers (primarily grades 6-12) to be selected they must submit an application. The South Plains Teacher Externship Partnership pays teachers a \$600 stipend to complete the externship experience over three working days. Additionally, teachers will create lesson plans from the experience and present them to their peers.

**Participating businesses are NOT committing to compensate teachers in any way.**

## PROCESS

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15-** Teachers Notified of Acceptance and Employer Placement Employers complete a commitment form with contact information, hours of work, location, and dress expectations to be provided to teachers.

## BUSINESS COMMITMENTS

- Hands-On Relevant Experience
- Connection/shadowing with motivated staff members
- Willingness to include teachers in normal operations
- Communicate expectations with teachers
- Host at least one teacher for three consecutive days for one week

## TIMING

- There are seven externship weeks this summer. Businesses are welcome to host multiple teachers in a week and over as many weeks as they desire.
- Teachers have identified their availability for the following weeks:

- June 3-7
- June 10-14
- June 17-21
- June 24-28
- July 1-5
- July 8-12
- July 15-19

We appreciate your interest in furthering the education of students in the South Plains and your willingness to welcome a teacher to your business/organization for this experience. We look forward a wonderful partnership for the teachers and businesses of the South Plains!

If interested in hosting a teacher, go to <http://workforcesouthplains.org/externship-business/> to complete an interest form, or call Sandra Hester at 806-744-1987 for more information.

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