



# Office of STEM & BMAH

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## A Division of Advanced Studies and Programs

### Job Shadowing

**What is it?** Job Shadowing is an opportunity for our students to glimpse through the window into the world of the STEMist. Through a sight visit, our students see the STEMist in action and have the opportunity to engage with the professionals via Q&A and open dialogue. The experience of being in the STEMist's environment opens students' eyes to the possibilities of careers and post high school plans. When appropriate, students will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on learning activities on site to get first hand experiences of activities and job related tasks which take place at that site.

**Who participates?** Students in grades 9-11 in both the STEM and BMAH magnet programs go on periodic job shadowing experiences. Each school and program schedules the types and frequency of job shadowing experiences to meet the program needs of their students.

**What is involved?** Before students even go out to the job site, teachers lead students in a variety of information gathering activities to learn more about the broad types of careers at the work place they will visit. Students prepare questions to ask and get a general amount of background information which prepares them to actively engage in sophisticated dialogue with employees once on site. After students return from the job shadowing experience, teachers lead students in follow up activities which wrap up their knowledge, experiences and understanding of the careers available at that site. Where applicable, teachers in a variety of subject areas will tie in student experiences with the course content, thereby bringing the learning back into the classroom and making it a truly relevant learning experience.