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BRIDGES is...

A transition to work pilot project that combines secondary school completion with career development and on-the-job training. It is a pathway that leads to all paths.

BRIDGES provides students who are not immediately continuing their education after high school with more world-of-work preparation opportunities to achieve their goals.

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS foster opportunities that open doors and enable students to enhance skill development, education and training.

EMPLOYERS AND EDUCATORS are working together for a quality connection that prepares young people for their future.

**BETWEEN CLASSROOM AND WORKPLACE**

## KEY CURRICULAR ELEMENTS

**CAREER EXPLORATION**

**SELF DISCOVERY**

**EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

**WORLD OF WORK AWARENESS**

**INDUSTRY ENTRY ACCREDITATION**

BRIDGES PROVIDES an educational experience for students, parents, school systems, employers and the community. All stakeholders gain increased awareness to the needs of everyone involved.

THE STUDENT connects school work to the needs of employers. They are in control of developing their own future while gaining knowledge of industry opportunities and their career goals.

THE HOME is involved in their child's education and career planning. They gain a better understanding of the student's interests, values and abilities. The parent is confident that their child's education is meaningful. They will have a direct impact on their learning and vocational success.

THE EDUCATION SYSTEM enhances the relevance of the curriculum to current practice in business. There is a greater understanding between industry and education.

THE EMPLOYER gains through the link with education, a vast pool of skilled young workers prepared to contribute towards advancing the goals of their company.

THE COMMUNITY has a positive outlook toward the younger generation. The result is a dynamic school to work process contributing to economic renewal. The entire community is working together to shape and develop the student.

BRIDGES PROVIDES the direction for a continuous journey. Young citizens are prepared to join the workforce and are equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to instill a Lifelong Learning Continuum.

## MAJOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

**JOB SHADOWING**  
**MENTORING**  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**  
**INDUSTRY TRAINING**  
**WORK EXPERIENCE**  
**INTERNSHIP**  
**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**  
**CAREER PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT**