

# **World of Responsible Kids (WORK) Program**

## Full-Time Programming Overview

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Students who are in need of an alternative setting or students who need alternative programming with the primary focus on transition skills.
- Students must be on an IEP.
- We accept students as young as the second semester of their 10th-grade year and up.
- Students who are in need of 18-21 transition programming.

### **Courses and Content**

**Seminar:** Seminar is a small group, teacher-led class, offered most mornings from 8:00 am- 10:30 am. The students are exposed to a variety of topics including baking math, budgeting and finances, job safety, personal goal setting, self-advocacy, work-based social skills, accepting feedback, cooking and baking, and personal health and fitness.

**Work Experience:** Work Experience is a 90-minute class offered once per week. Students are given the opportunity to explore a variety of community-based work-sites based on their skills and interests.

**Work-Based Learning (WBL):** Students who have completed the PAES Lab and have demonstrated the appropriate soft and technical skills needed to perform basic job duties receive an early release from school to go to a paid worksite.

**Consumer Service:** Consumer Service is a school-based worksite where students learn the basic in's and out's of working in a kitchen. Students are exposed to a variety of soft and technical skills including working as a team, cooperating with supervisors, working independently, customer service, washing dishes, sweeping, taking inventory, organizing, and much more.

**Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES):** The PAES Lab is a simulated worksite where students are exposed to the typical expectations of an entry-level job. Students are able to explore five different career areas including Business/Marketing, Computer/Technology, Consumer/Service, Construction/Industrial, and Processing/Production. Students practice pre-employment and other work-related soft-skills in a school-based setting. Students receive a "PAEScheck" every two weeks and can use that money to purchase a variety of items from the school store. The PAES Lab is a pre-requisite to Work-Based Learning and must be completed with a passing grade before being admitted into WBL.

*If you are interested in learning more or have a student who you think would benefit from becoming a full-time WORK Program student, please contact Elise Cronin at [ecronin@riverbend.k12.mn.us](mailto:ecronin@riverbend.k12.mn.us) or call (507) 359-8734.*