



# Adams County Public Education Membership

Adams County Education Consortium (“The Consortium”) was founded to bridge the long-standing gap between the needs of business and the education of students in Adams County, Colorado. The Consortium, whose members include all 7 school districts, college professionals, charter community, and industry professionals in Adams County, is uniquely positioned to foster collaboration to help address the challenges of the current climate. The Consortium is a convener of multiple agencies to pool resources to deliver direct service to all Adams County students (not just one district) and provide support on best practices for educators in career pathway development. The Consortium provides hands-on, interactive career exploration, job shadowing, internship and apprenticeship opportunities, along with training in business and professional skills for students in middle and high school. The Consortium also operates as the fiscal agent and student support coordinator for Adams County scholarships for youth who transition into a public collegiate post-secondary option. The Consortium believes students should be equipped with exposure, experience, and support to enter diverse post-secondary career pathways that provide sustainable wages and growth opportunities.

## K-12 Membership Terms:

- Annual Membership
- \$1.25 of previous year's per pupil in K-12
- Current Members: 27J, Mapleton, Strasburg, Bennett, Westminster, Adams 14, Pinnacle, Adams 12

## Includes:

- Executive Board seat to set strategic governance priorities with other school district and charter school leaders, community college representatives and industry leaders (meet by Zoom every other month)
- Working Board seat to meet with other CTE and Counselor administrators to share resources, practices, and pilot new pre apprenticeship programming (meet by Zoom monthly)
- Admission for all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students to Classroom to Career Event in April- Students choose from over a dozen workshops on the CDE Essential Skills and network with business professionals and leaders with a catered lunch and tour of MSU Denver
- Admission for all 8th graders to the Adams County 8th grade Career Expo to explore hundreds of career booths, held annually in November
- Admission for all 11-12th grade students to the Apprenticeship Fair hosted annually in February to connect with alternative pathway postsecondary options
- Connection to new pre apprenticeship and certificate programs to build programming for any level of CTE commitment and/or alternative pathways.
- Representation by ACEC on county committee and organizations as the coordinator advocate.
- Shared partner grant opportunity funding
- A thought partnership that moves us out of silos to build and flex services that we see fit together for student and industry impact.