



Service...Above and Beyond

Quick Facts:

- *Students can participate in one-year or two-year programs, depending on their chosen area of focus.*
- *YA funds return to the district to support local YA Coordinators and/or YA instruction.*
- *Students earn credit toward high school graduation as well as credit in post-secondary programs.*

Our district intends to join the Mississippi Valley Youth Apprenticeship Consortium

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Mississippi Valley Youth Apprenticeship Consortium

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) integrates school-based and work-based learning to instruct students in employability and occupational skills defined by Wisconsin industries. Local programs provide training based on statewide youth apprenticeship curriculum guidelines, endorsed by business and industry. Students are instructed by qualified teachers and skilled worksite mentors. Students are simultaneously enrolled in academic classes to meet high school graduation requirements, in a youth apprenticeship related instruction class, and are employed by a participating employer under the supervision of a skilled mentor.

Program Framework

Key elements of the youth apprenticeship program are:

- Industry-developed skill standards
- Exposure to multiple aspects of the industry
- Skilled mentors assigned to train the students
- Paid on-the-job work experience
- Related classroom instruction concurrent with work-based learning
- Curriculum guidelines for all programs
- Performance evaluation of demonstrated competencies
- State-issued skill certificate

Level 1 - Basic Service

CESA #4 will serve as the Regional Coordination site for the Mississippi Valley Youth Apprenticeship Consortium. A Regional Coordinator will be employed by CESA #4 to:

- Serve as the program liaison with the Youth Apprenticeship School Based Coordinators to develop, design, implement, and administer this program
- Meet with Youth Apprenticeship School Based Coordinators on a regular basis to review progress of program growth and address program concerns
- Arrange for mentor training and assist in matching students with mentors
- Prepare and submit required forms and reports to DWD
- Attend statewide coordinator planning, informational meetings, and training sessions
- Arrange for youth apprenticeship related instruction including negotiating costs, when needed
- Prepare grant proposals to secure funding
- Secure and coordinate additional program funding resources
- Oversee program grants and funds to ensure timely expenditures
- Assess community businesses for interest in new program areas
- Plan and develop new youth apprenticeship program areas
- Implement and direct local steering committee efforts to promote program

50% of Grant funds will be used to support Regional Coordination at the CESA level. Remaining funds will be allocated to local districts based on the annual per-student-award from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Youth Apprenticeship Office.

School District of: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____