

# Wyomissing Area School District



## WASD Authentic Learning Experiences

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*Inspiring Excellence, One Spartan at a Time*

# WASD Strategic Plan

## Objectives/Goals

**WASD will diversify program offerings for secondary students and develop/strengthen programs to prepare all students for success with career or college.**

- WASD will annually review and consider revisions to requirements, schedules and other structures to facilitate student participation in varied course and program offerings.
- WASD will implement strategies to share BCTC program information with students and parents, collaborate with BCTC to identify areas for program development, and remove logistical barriers to ensure all interested students can attend BCTC programming.
- WASD will develop partnerships with RACC and Albright College SRI to provide dual-enrollment courses to start with the 2022-2023 school year. WASD will use student data to consider strategies to expand dual-enrollment opportunities.
- WASD will identify funding sources to offset dual-enrollment costs for interested students with an identified financial need.

# WASD Strategic Plan

## Objectives/Goals

**WASD will diversify program offerings for secondary students and develop/strengthen programs to prepare all students for success with career or college** – Continued

- WASD will collaborate with local businesses to expand the JSHS internship program to increase student participation as well as depth of internship experiences.
- WASD will work with neighboring school districts and local businesses to expand program/course selection opportunities for students.
- WASD will establish baseline data regarding student program selections, and use data to set goals on program diversification for students.
- The progress of the above goals will be reported annually to include measurable progress of increased opportunities and participation.
- WASD will create an Action Plan (initial Plan completed January 2023) that provides current goals or initiatives with targeted completion dates. Plan will be reviewed and updated at least annually.

## Career Ready PA – Previous Presentation

- PA K-12 Career Education and Work Standards
- WASD K-12 Guidance Plan
- Act 158

# JSHS Authentic Learning Programs

## 2022-23 Total Enrollment

- Advanced Placement Courses – 185
- BCTC – 61, Diversified Occupations - 9
- Internships – 32, Wilson ROTC – 4
- IEP Work Placement – 4
- Early Enrollment (at colleges)– 5
- Medical Health Professionals - 2

## BCTC Student Participation by Cluster

Cluster	2019-2020	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Business & Information Technology	9	6	5	7
Communications Cluster	6	3	1	2
Construction Cluster	6	11	8	12
Engineering & Manufacturing Technology	6	7	6	7
Healthcare	9	10	7	12
Services	15	14	13	16
Transportation	4	1	6	5
<b>Total Students</b>	55	52	46	61

# JSHS Authentic Learning Experiences

## Class of 2023

- 79% of Class of 2023 students have participated in one or more of the programs listed on previous screen
- All students (participating in listed programs or other choices) have similarly stated career goals – college, continuing education, employment, military

## General Strategies/ Next Steps

- Ensure students have opportunities to share their experiences with other students ahead of course selection
- Increase visibility of available programs for students, staff, parents and community members
- Schedule representatives from partnering organizations to directly share information



## General Strategies / Next Steps

- Evaluate staffing/resources currently assigned to support authentic learning experiences and adjust to facilitate strategic growth
- Continue to evaluate JSHS schedule to create additional opportunities for student participation
- Strengthen post-graduate data/feedback to help us understand impact of programs

## Specific Programs / Next Steps

### BCTC

- All WASD students visit in 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Students/parents review information in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, BCTC staff attends JSHS Open House
- Annual BCTC Open House Event
- Interested 9<sup>th</sup> grade students take a focused visit to BCTC
- Counselors support application process (25% of current 9<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Specific Programs / Next Steps

### Internships

- Reassign staff for 2023-24 to provide increased support for internships, target 25% increase for 2024 and 2025
- Strengthen relationships and add off-site internship locations
- Increase staff site visits to strengthen program for participating students and host mentors

## Course:

INT500 Internship

*Honors credit based on placement*

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# WASD INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Experiences for  
Grades 11-12



## The Internship Program

The purpose of this program at the Wyomissing Area School District is to provide students with the opportunity to participate in a professional work-based environment.

### Experience

Students will learn and apply employable skills while exploring a career of interest.



### Flexible

Internships can be completed through an adjusted academic schedule, after school, or on the weekend.



### Credit

Honors credit will be based on length of assignment with a maximum of 3 credits per school year.



## Skill Development

In addition to participating in the workplace experience, students will communicate regularly with their assigned Internship advisor, complete weekly reflective assignments, conduct professional interviews, and compare current skills literature with newly learned skills.

## Opportunities

The program has opportunities in career areas such as a business, a non-profit organization, a K-8 educational setting, a STEAM educational setting, a medical environment, or other workplaces available through contacting the WASD Internship Coordinator.



## Specific Programs / Next Steps

### Diversified Occupations (include Morgan Corp)

- Use 2022-23 feedback to strengthen program
- Move program in-house to JSHS staff in combination with internship program
- Continue partnership with SOS, Redner's Markets, add local work sites to place students
- Provide transportation when needed

## Specific Programs / Next Steps

### Dual Enrollment

- Add six courses for 2023-24 at JSHS, taught by JSHS staff, through RACC
- Add introduction to education course for 2023-24 at JSHS, taught by JSHS staff, through Alvernia
- Continue to provide funding for students with identified financial need

## Specific Programs / Next Steps

### Dual Enrollment cont.

- Continue to provide early admission courses on-site at RACC and Albright
- Increase student/staff / parent knowledge of dual enrollment courses

## Specific Programs / Next Steps

### Wilson ROTC

- Add availability of Level 3 Course for 2023-24

### Advanced Placement

- Add AP Pre-Calculus for 2023-24



## Next Steps

- Student course selection – February 2023
- Course schedule & staffing – March 2023
- Revised JSHS Schedule / Transportation – Spring/Summer 2023
- Monitor Data & review for next steps – Ongoing and annually provide updates