

Workforce Development Coordination Services 25–26

Connecting NRHEG students to real-world careers through meaningful partnerships, hands-on experiences, and community engagement.



PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW

Through a collaborative partnership between NRHEG Public Schools, South Central Service Cooperative, and Community Economic Development Associates, Workforce Development Coordination services supported career-connected learning opportunities for students during the 2025–2026 school year.

The Workforce Development Coordinator serves as a **connector between education and industry**, helping bring real-world experiences into the classroom while expanding student awareness of career pathways.

COORDINATOR SUPPORT

Throughout the year, Workforce Development Coordination services provided:

- Career Event Planning & Implementation
- Organized and supported career-connected learning experiences for students
- Industry & Community Connections
- Built relationships with local employers, colleges, and volunteers
- Student Career Exploration Opportunities
- Expanded awareness of high-demand career pathways
- CTE Program Support
- Participated in advisory committees and collaborated with teachers and counseling staff
- Resource & Grant Exploration
- Identified opportunities to support program growth and sustainability

CAREER EXPLORATION HIGHLIGHTS

Construct Tomorrow

- Students participated in a large-scale, hands-on event in Mankato at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, exploring union trades and career pathways through interactive exhibits.

Mock Interviews

- Community volunteers partnered with Personal Finance classes to provide students with authentic interview practice and professional feedback.

South Point Budget City

- Students engaged in an interactive financial literacy simulation, making real-life budgeting decisions with support from community volunteers.

Health Science Mobile Lab

- Over 50 8th-grade students explored healthcare careers through hands-on activities. More than 20 college students from Rasmussen University supported the experience as volunteers.

Industrial Ag Tours

- Students in Mr. Root's Ag class toured local industry partners, including Al-Corn Clean Fuel and Kibble Equipment, gaining insight into agricultural careers and operations.

Riverland College Tour

- Students explored hands-on career pathways at Riverland Community College, including agriculture, electrical, carpentry, diesel, welding, and auto body programs.





FUTURE READY

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

