



Join Us in Engaging Middle School Students in Purpose-Driven Learning

A joint initiative of the Yavapai County Education Service Agency, Mountain Institute CTED and the Arizona Business & Education Coalition



CAREER EXPLORATION Empowering Schools. Transforming Futures.

Through robust career exploration options, students gain real-world insights and acquire essential, basic skills, exciting them about future career pathways and providing relevancy to their education. The Yavapai County Future Ready Council (YCFRC) Framework provides students opportunities to:

- Gain exposure to career options
- Explore their own interests and passions and develop an understanding of how they translate into future career goals
- Set goals and make plans for achieving them through pathway planning designed to guide them into high school - and beyond.
- Position themselves to make more informed educational choices
- Develop employability skills for a lifetime of success



In Partnership with Business & Community

With business and community leaders involved, we will impact outcomes and shape and grow the future of Yavapai County together!



Data Shows the Powerful Impact

Arizona schools implementing career exploration programs at the middle school level in the 2024-2025 school year reported these results*:

- Academic improvement in core subjects
- Increased attendance
- Increases in the number of students with goals and aspirations for their futures
- Increased family and community trust
- Inspired educators
- Increased student well being
- Increased community investment
- Recognition for excellence in leadership, instruction and school culture.

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**See the actual data
for three schools**



**Watch a video about
one school's
transformation**



*Featured schools are engaged in the Arizona Business & Education Coalition's ACED program (azbec.org/aced).

YCFRC at Work: The Career Exploration Program

Flexible Options. No-Cost Resources.
Transformative Outcomes.

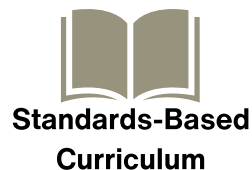
Delivery Models to Meet A Variety of Needs

Whether schools and districts are just beginning to offer career exploration or they are ready to expand, the Yavapai County Future Ready Council initiative offers flexible models, tools, curriculum, and guidance to help students explore their interests, discover career pathways, and build their early Education and Career Action Plans (eECAP). We're ready to support the implementation of a variety of models, so schools and districts can choose what's best for their students.

Model Type & Description	When to Use	Strengths
Elective Course Delivered through a dedicated career exploration class	Schools with flexible electives	Depth of engagement, consistency
After-School Program Offered as clubs or enrichment sessions	Schools with strong enrichment culture	Flexible, partner access
Integrated Curriculum Embedded into core/elective subjects	Schools without electives	Contextual, relevant
Pull-Out/Workshop Students attend career sessions during school	Limited staffing or scheduling	Scalable, focused
Grade-Level Advisory Career topics during advisory or homeroom	Regular advisory or homeroom schedules	Supports ECAPs, schoolwide consistency
Summer Camp/Intercession Short-term intensive programming focused on exploration and skill-building	Schools with summer/intercession opportunities	High impact, hands-on, ideal for external partnerships

Robust Resources + Professional Development at No Cost

Schools and districts participating in the pilot program (2025-2026) have access to the following:



**Ready to Be a Pilot School or District
or a Business/Community Partner?**

Email Danny Brown at Daniel.Brown@yavapaiaz.gov to learn more.

Additional information at azbec.org/yavapai-county-future-ready