

## **CareerConnect**

### Proposed Activities

#### **Freshman Year**

- Recruitment with the support of school counselors and NiswongerCARE advisors. Consideration will be given to evidence of past potential and current academic performance/underperformance
- Information meeting with parents/family
- Orientation program with hand-on activities for students

#### **Sophomore Year**

- Career Exploration Class (Plan is to develop and provide through Niswonger Online)
- Monthly Seminar/Activity Session
  - Trips/tours to Businesses, Industries, TCATs
  - Speakers, including alumni of the high schools
  - Small group activities
  - Hands-on assignments or simulations
  - ACT Profile
  - Complete PreACT
- *Phase I - Work Ethic Diploma*
  - Attendance
  - Academic record
  - Tardy record
  - Discipline
  - Communication skills
  - Mock interviews
  - *Shadow Day* (Ground Hog's Day)
- Individual contact from CareerConnect coordinator each month
- Summer Camp (2 weeks)
  - Shadowing
  - Skills development
  - Hands-on activities/simulations (e.g. at the Greene Technology Center, TCAT's or businesses with simulation opportunities)

#### **Junior Year**

- Monthly Seminar/Activity Session (*Phase II of the Work Ethic Diploma*)
  - Increased level of intensity of topics from the sophomore seminar
  - Complete and submit applications for paid internships to participating businesses
  - Complete *WorkKeys*

- Interview for paid internships with participating businesses
- Interns selected by businesses (anticipate 20 out of initial 100)
- Those Selected for Internships:
  - Formal Mentor Established
  - Paid internships begin with monitoring by CareerConnect coordinator

### **Senior Year**

- For Interns:
  - Continue paid internships or Work Based Learning (if provided by the school)
- For All 100 students:
  - *Phase III – Work Ethic Diploma*
    - Completes Established *Work Ethic Diploma* for Greene County
  - Individualized Support utilizing NiswongerCARE Advisors:
    - Employment Track
      - Identification of employment opportunities
      - Assist with completion of job applications and follow-through
      - Preparation for interviews
      - Other assistance as needed
    - Post-secondary Track
      - Assistance with applications for TCAT or colleges
      - Connect to post-secondary institutions
      - FAFSA completion
      - Campus visits
      - Schedule orientation

### **Professional Development for Educators:**

- Career Awareness Activities
  - Tours of businesses, industries, TCAT's, etc.
  - Information on job trends
  - Real world experiences in the classroom

