

What's Ask the Expert Day?

Students will be given the opportunity to interact with professionals in a variety of careers during "Ask the Expert" Day. Business professionals are invited to serve as guest speakers in the classrooms to discuss their career and perhaps a particular academic subject area.

Presentations may include:

- **An explanation of your career path**
- **Personal stories of interest**
- **Educational decisions**
- **The joys and frustrations of the field**
- **Advice for students**
- **A demonstration**

This program is intended to help students better understand the direct relationship of curricular subject areas to life skills and career opportunities in the workplace:

- **You will have 30 minutes in the classroom.**
- **Introduce yourself, your company and your profession.**
- **Possibly prepare a 10 minute presentation, using transparencies, PowerPoint, etc. to explain more about yourself and the education and experience that led up to your current profession.**
- **Bring handouts, videos, materials from your work, annual report, etc. to share.**
- **Share where you attended for your undergraduate studies, and/or graduate studies.**
- **Possibly bring an exercise or hands-on activity for them to work on that will take about 10 minutes.**

Some possible questions to touch on:

- **Why and how did you choose your profession?**
- **How much education do you need for your career?**
- **How long did it take to get your degree(s)?**
- **Do you need more job training after you have completed your education?**
- **What are some of your joys and frustrations with this profession?**
- **What is your favorite and least favorite thing about your profession?**
- **What is a typical day like for you?**
- **How do you help your business or organization meet its goals?**
- **What are your responsibilities?**
- **Did you have a mentor?**
- **What knowledge and skills did you learn in school that you use in your career now?**