

Hints for Middle School Visits



Large majority of your class time is ideally spent on students participating in an activity.

Signs of a great activity: Students are on task and...

- Out of their seats
- Working in groups or pairs
- Working with their hands.

Bring the real world into the classroom!

The key to a great joke is timing.

- Keep the conversation short, sweet, and to the point.
- Avoid anything that could be perceived as a lecture or pep talk.
- Try to limit your talking time to less than 10 minutes at a time.

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- Communicate with the teacher ahead of time as to any instructional/classroom support you may need.
- During your visit, feel free to ask the teacher to assist you with any demonstrations, student behavior, or any other thing that might come up.
- Feel free to contact the CTE department at the District Office for support as well.

Remember that you will be with 12 & 13 year olds.

- They have short attention spans
- They like to have fun
- They can be very talkative between each other.
- They are distracted easily
- They can be goofy and funny
- They like to learn.

Hints for High School Visits



ACTIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

- Visuals: Have pictures, 3-D models, tools or equipment for students to see, touch, & feel.
- Tell a story: Give students the change to learn from your mistakes and successes.
- Vocabulary: Students do not know your industry jargon. Use words that the average Joe on the street would understand.

ENGAGE STUDENTS

- Establish a connection or similarity with the students
- Have conversations with students throughout your visit. Ask questions.
- Complement students for demonstrating positive employee behaviors.
- Keep an eye out for disengaged students and try to reengage them - try asking a question directly to them.

SUPPORT

- Education is a group effort; do not hesitate to ask for assistance.
- Communicate with teacher before and during your visit: classroom support, equipment, demonstrations, student behavior, etc.
- Feel free to contact the CTE department at the district office for support as well.

TEENS THESE DAYS

- High school students want to be treated as adults.
- Adults are strangers; be cautious of treating students as your "friends".
- They like to laugh.
- They are really not much different than when you were their age.