

Welcome! We are excited to present...

# E.P.I.C.

## Exploring Potential Interests & Careers

Career exploration and discovery for high  
school students in Central Minnesota



# EPIC Goals

EPIC will connect you with local employers and provide you with a hands-on experience.

- ✓ Expose YOU to LOCAL careers and employers
- ✓ Connect YOU with employers for follow up interaction
- ✓ Provide YOU an opportunity to 'try out' a career

2020 ATTENDING:



25 schools



3800 students

# Choosing a Career

Knowledge is power  
Knowing what you like  
Knowing what you are good at  
Knowing the details of the career





# CAREER CLUSTER INTEREST INVENTORY



# Interest Assessment APP

Take the Career Assessment

- This assessment is all about what you are INTERESTED in:  
<http://careerwise.minnstate.edu/iseek/static/2014-10-mncareers-interest-assessment-interactive.pdf>

Note your top 2 or 3 results of interest assessment.

There will be a career cluster activity that aligns with your interest assessment to check out at EPIC!



# 2020 EPIC Cluster Activities (just a few)

## Business, Management and Administration

Join us for a game of Biz-onopoly. Match your wits against other players, build your assets, and take a chance as you strive to build a financially solvent pizza business.

## Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

It is the year of the Alpaca! Interact with real Alpaca animals while you learn about the science of farming. Take a selfie with Sammy the Soil mascot and complete challenges using the virtual sandbox and rainfall simulator.

## Human Services

Game-a-palooza! We've got Jeopardy, Minute to Win It, Memory and Pictionary all in one place. Match your knowledge and expertise to a series of mental challenges that help you explore the human services career field.

## Arts, Communication and Information Systems

Explore the world of professional photography and videography. Participate in a professional photo shoot and practice driving a real drone – no driver's license required.

## Health Science Technology

Work alongside professional respiratory therapists and learn CPR and how to perform intubations with scopes and fiber optic cameras.

## Engineering, Manufacturing and Technology

Use solid modeling software to design a 3D pizza cutter and print it out on the 3D printer. Use precision measuring equipment for assembly and inspection activities.

# Your Results will be Part of a Career Pathway

## CAREER PATHS IN EDUCATION

### DOCTORAL OR MASTER'S DEGREE

School Psychologist \$41.40	Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselor \$29.39
Education Administrator – Elementary & Secondary \$47.52	Speech Pathologist \$34.94

### 4-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE

Elementary School Teacher \$27.79	Special Education Teacher – Kindergarten & Elementary \$28.37
Secondary School Teacher \$27.92	

### ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE

Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse \$22.54	Secretary and Administrative Assistant, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive \$20.17
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### HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED AND/OR EXPERIENCE/ ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Bus Driver, School or Special Client \$18.69	Paraprofessional / Teaching Assistant \$14.87
Cook – Institution and Cafeteria \$16.68	

### WHY CHOOSE A CAREER IN EDUCATION?

Choosing Education as a career allows you to make a lasting difference in students' lives. Each day you are able to work with inquisitive young minds, inspiring and motivating them to achieve their potential. Educators can work with students at the pre-school level all the way through adult education; they can make an impact in the classroom and/or choose more of an administrative role. Is a career in Education right for you?

These careers are available in Central Minnesota and these are the median wages. Data collected from Department of Employment and Economic Development.

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View videos of career paths in education:  
[www.careeronestop.org/Videos/CareerVideos/career-videos.aspx](http://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/CareerVideos/career-videos.aspx)  
 Alternative Access: Equal Opportunity Employer/ Americans with Disability Act  
 Upon request this form is available in alternative format. Contact: [wgolwicz@mnhs.org](mailto:wgolwicz@mnhs.org) or [angie.dalwig@t3-jobs.org](mailto:angie.dalwig@t3-jobs.org)

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Education Administrator – Elementary & Secondary \$47.52 Plan, direct or coordinate the academic, administrative or auxiliary activities of public or private elementary or secondary level schools.	Speech-Language Pathologist \$34.94 Assess and treat persons with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. May select alternative communication systems and teach their use. May perform research related to speech and language problems.

### 4-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE

Elementary School Teacher \$27.79 Teach students basic academic, social, and life skills in public or private schools at the elementary level.	Special Education Teacher – Kindergarten & Elementary \$28.37 Teach elementary school subjects to educationally and physically handicapped students. Includes teachers who specialize and work with auditory and visually handicapped students as well as those who teach basic academic and life processes skills to the mentally impaired.
Secondary School Teacher \$27.92 Teach students in one or more subjects, such as English, mathematics or social studies at the secondary level in public or private schools. May be designated according to subject matter specialty.	

### ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE

Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse \$22.54 Care for ill, injured or convalescing patients of persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse.	Secretary and Administrative Assistant, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive \$20.17 Perform routine clerical and administrative functions such as drafting correspondence, scheduling appointments, organizing and maintaining paper and electronic files or providing information to callers.
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### HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED AND/OR EXPERIENCE/ ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Bus Driver, School or Special Client \$18.69 Transport students or special clients, such as the elderly or persons with disabilities. Ensure adherence to safety rules. May assist passengers in boarding or exiting.	Cook – Institution and Cafeteria \$16.68 Prepare and cook large quantities of food for institutions, such as schools, hospitals, or cafeterias.
	Paraprofessional / Teacher Assistant \$14.87 Perform duties that are instructional in nature or deliver direct services to students or parents. Serve in a position for which a teacher has ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of educational programs and services.



# Reality Check Tool

Will the career I am interested in pay enough for the house/apartment, car/bus, entertainment I want to have?  
Check out the Reality Check Tool.

<https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/realitytool.html>

Once you know your lifestyle salary requirements compare it to your chosen career salary. Is it enough?



# Career and Education Explorer

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) information and link

What kinds of jobs can I do? And where can I get the education I need? The Career and Education Explorer lets you explore a wide range of occupations and related education in a single, easy-to-use online tool. Find wages, demand, job opportunities, and more.

<https://mn.gov/deed/data/data-tools/career-education-explorer/>




# What to Expect at EPIC

- ❑ EPIC is on a Friday, so there will be fewer college students around, but there are still some classes in session.
- ❑ The college environment is different than the high school environment.
- ❑ You will be doing a lot of walking. Wear comfortable shoes!
- ❑ You will be learning about a wide variety of careers. Curiosity and questions are expected and encouraged!
- ❑ You will have opportunities to try things out. Take advantage of the chance!
- ❑ Know your career assessment results and visit career clusters of interest.



# At EPIC

- ✓ You will receive a bag when you get off the bus – you will have **2 hours**.
  - ✓ Review the map (on the EPIC website) and know the career cluster activities you plan to visit.
  - ✓ While visiting your career cluster activity – talk to an employer.
  - ✓ Request a business card from an employer in a career you are interested in.
  - ✓ Know the time you need to return to the bus.
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# First Impressions





# Talking to an Employer at EPIC

Local employers are hosting each career cluster activity.

Be sure to thank them for their time.

Participate in an activity – build something, try a simulator.

Engage – ask questions.



***Tag us on social media as you tour the event!***

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**#EPIC2020**



# EPIC Happened – Now What?

Please be sure to complete the survey.

The following are suggested activities after EPIC and can be found on the EPIC website:

- Do some career research.
- Do some college research.
- Complete an Informational Interview .
- Go on a Business Tour.
- Apply for an Internship.
- Consider youth apprenticeship.
- Attend other hands-on career exploration events; e.g., Construct Tomorrow, SCRUBS camp.

Additional information and resources on these topics can be found on the EPIC website (coming soon).

# Questions?



**Thank you for attending EPIC 2020!**