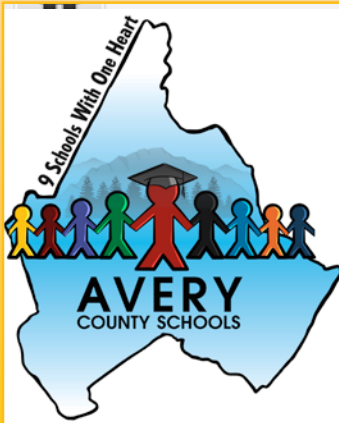




Grade 8 Program

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Systemically Educating Young People about Careers Prior to High School

- Identified need for our region: Develop an innovative and comprehensive program for 8th graders to: Explore Careers, Plan for Secondary Program of Study, and Plan for Post-Secondary Education to allow them to move toward future opportunities



Grade 8 Outcomes

- ✓ Students understand finding their career is a process with clear steps and actions
- ✓ Students understand how interests and aptitudes influence school and career paths
- ✓ Students understand how high school classes apply to future goals/successes
- ✓ Students interact with counselors and representatives from business and industry
- ✓ Students understand workforce needs in our region and state
- ✓ Students understand skills, educational requirements, and expectations necessary for acquiring initial jobs and developing careers
- ✓ Students and parents understand the process and are prepared to register for high school





Interaction with Representatives from Business, Industry, and Post-Secondary Education

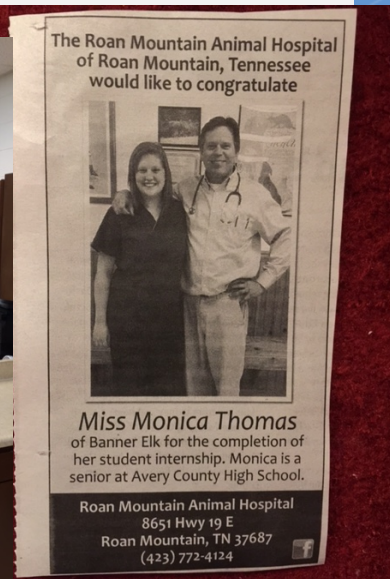
Roundtable discussions, demonstrations, Career Jeopardy, and Career-Fair activities help students:

- Understand workforce needs
- Understand skills, educational requirements, and expectations



Finding your career is a process...

- Identify Interests/Aptitudes
- Learn about Career Technical Education Programs
- Understand Academic and Graduation Requirements
- Identify Career Pathways and high school career opportunities including:
 - Job Shadowing
 - CTSOs
 - Internships
- Begin developing Four Year Plans





Students interact with school and workforce development counselors





Achievements and Future Plans

- ❑ Celebration and Parent Information Night
- ❑ Parents, student and counselor register for 9th grade
- ❑ Structured High School Visits after registration
- ❑ On the job training experiences
- ❑ Credentials and Career Pathways
- ❑ Blue Ridge Academy
- ❑ Prepared Workforce

