



Durham Careers in Science

Durham Careers in Science (DCIS) is an industry-driven initiative to augment science curriculum and activities in Durham Public Schools. It aligns with local, state and federal standard courses of study for Career and Technical Education and Science Education. An exciting fringe benefit of the program – is to turn young people on to careers in science. Several local business partners and educational organizations are supporting the initiative that is currently being coordinated by the Talent and Workforce Development division of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce.

Current projects:

1. Recruiting classroom speakers for a **Science Speakers Bureau**, grades 6-12 (grades K-5 will be added later this year). Local employees in the science field are encouraged to share their time and expertise with Durham Public Schools students and teachers. For more information, please request a speakers bureau application.
2. Partner with **Scientifica**, a new extra-curricular science research opportunity for high school students (need speakers from 4-6pm, job shadowing opportunities and more)
3. Seeking companies to provide **internships** for high school students in Career and Technical Education Science Pathways
4. Recruiting **Science Fair Judges**; training will be provided (January, February 2009)
5. Recruit Career Coaches and Graduation Project Mentors for an on-line career development program called **Futures for Kids** (www.f4k.org)
6. Compiling a list of contacts and information regarding **Workplace Tours** for students
7. **Educators in the Workplace** – through this program, counselors and teachers visit local workplaces to learn more about the needs of today's businesses so that they may better advise students and enhance classroom discussions. Educators earn continuing education credits.

To learn more about how you and your company can get involved in one or more of the above listed DCIS projects, contact: Kathy Hoffmeier, Director of Talent & Workforce Development, Division of Economic Development & Community Sustainability, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce (919) 682-2133 ext 228 khoffmeier@durhamchamber.org.