

# 8th Grade Career Pathway Fairs

November – December, 2018 | Middle Schools Across Rutherford County

## Highlights

**3,848**

Students Participated



**12**

Fairs at Middle Schools  
across the County



**97**

Industry Speakers



**90%**

Of Middle  
School  
Teachers

Said the Pathway Fair helped  
students determine their  
course of study in high school.

## Summary

Throughout the months of November – December 2018, 3,848 Rutherford County School 8th graders participated in Rutherford Works Career Pathway Fairs across the county. Students at area middle schools learned about Career & Technical Education (CTE) Pathways at their zoned high school, allowing them to make a more informed decision when registering for high school classes.

The 8th Grade Career Pathway Fair brings together CTE (Career & Technical Education) teachers, business leaders, and high school students to share highlights about the education and job related opportunities for each CTE pathway.

A month prior to the event, 8th grade students choose the four pathways at their zoned high school that most interest them. A schedule is made for the student for the day of the pathway fair and students rotate between the four sessions, spending 30 minutes in each.

Within each session, a high school teacher, industry professional, and high school students spend time describing the pathway students may study in high school and pursue as adults.

## Feedback



“Thank everyone so very much for this. It is a big undertaking, but one that I feel is necessary. There are so many things they need to know and be aware of and some do not have the to support for that. This was very beneficial for students and the majority wanted to discuss information they learned.” – **Middle School**

“Several of my students commented on the high school classes. They thought it would be one thing and it was totally different. They liked being able to ask the teacher and student question before enrolling in the class. Then the benefit of actually talking to someone in the profession was great for them as well. Overall, this is a very beneficial career fair for our 8th graders.” – **Middle School Teacher**

“The students came back ready to leave us and head to high school! Great Job, wonderful experience for the students! Thank You!” – **Middle School Teacher**



