



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What is it? COOL Week is an acronym for **Career Opportunities On Location**.

When is it? COOL Week is Feb. 6-10, 2017.

What's so great about COOL Week?

One of the crown jewels of the LISD College & Career Readiness program, COOL Week provides graduating seniors the opportunity to spend time on-site in the industry where they have an interest in pursuing a career. College is an expensive place to find out what you want to be when you grow up. COOL Week allows students to "try on" careers before they enter post-secondary education and training. The major goal is for students to become aware of the aptitudes, education and training required to be successful in their chosen profession.

- Students can participate the entire week or just a few days.
- Businesses have flexibility to decide what works best within their framework.
- The week-long model includes a first day mock job interview and application process followed by a mock employee orientation. The remainder of the week students work as a team on a project which involves problem-solving and teamwork skills (a parallel project alongside members of your company or something you have had on the back burner). The experience can culminate in a presentation on Friday before principals of your company.
- Job shadowing is another option – just one or two days on-site in their chosen career field would be invaluable in making the college decision.
- The hours are from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or whatever the business partner prefers.
- Parents sign "hold liable" waivers and students transport themselves to the job.

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