



WORLDS of OPPORTUNITY 2025 Teacher Guide

Thank you for taking a lead role in this valuable program. We are sure that your students will receive untold benefits from participation in the Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo, held on October 19th and 20th, 2026. To help you and your students prepare for the event, this guide and all forms and resources will be available on the 'Educator' page of the Worlds of Opportunity Website:

LynchburgRegion.org/worldsofopportunity

GET READY.....Student Preparedness

- Teacher preparation – review the materials for the Pre-WOO lesson and Power Point provided by the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance on the Worlds of Opportunity Website. Career Guides will be available at the beginning of October.
- Student preparation – **September 28th – October 16th**
 - Before attending the Worlds of Opportunity expo, students should prepare by reviewing:
 - WOO presentation in class
 - Career close-up videos on the WOO website
 - Reviewing the career guide and additional websites provided on the “Choose your Career Path” page and
 - Completing the Career Guide Scavenger Hunt
- Once available, review the Worlds of Opportunity Vendor Activities on the Worlds of Opportunity Website. All activities will be posted on the Worlds of Opportunity website by **October 2nd, 2026.**

GET SET.....Student Transportation

- Students are transported by the school to WOO on their assigned date and time. All schools are responsible for making sure all system field trip procedures and guidelines are adhered to according to their individual system policy. Schools must provide adequate chaperones and adult supervision for the students.
- Upon arrival at the event, students will exit a bus and an expo volunteer will direct to their group starting point. Buses will remain parked on the main road of CVCC, and bus drivers are welcome to exit their buses and wait in a designated lounge area.
- **NOTE: some of the Worlds will contain 'outside' exhibits, please have students dress accordingly.**

GO!!!.....at the event

- Students will enter the event and will be directed to one of FOUR Zones. Each student will be given a backpack ahead of time, and this backpack represents their group color. They will need to always stay with their group. Group colors include lime green, yellow, purple, and blue.
- Once in the expo, the students will have 15 minutes to visit each Zone. They will rotate through each of the Zones guided by a volunteer leader and world liaisons. There will be a 2-minute warning and a buzzer to indicate time to move to the next zone.
- Students should use their time wisely and go to the booth within each zone that interests them most. There may not be enough time to experience every exhibit. The Zones/Worlds are as follows:
 - Zone 1: Transportation, Energy/Utilities, Construction
 - Zone 2: Manufacturing, Automotive/Logistics, Engineering/Environment
 - Zone 3: Agriculture, Public Safety, Hospitality/ Tourism, Human Services
 - Zone 4: Healthcare/Medical, Technology, Business & Professional Services, Education
- Upon completion of the event, volunteers will direct the students to the bus loading area.

PLAN.....Back at School

- Once back at school, students should continue their experience by participating in the Post WOO discussions and activities. Suggested activities may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Complete the Student Survey provided by the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance
 - Identify their top experiences and write a summary in the back of the career guide
 - Research occupations or worlds from WOO
 - Complete at least one career interest inventory. The career interest inventory included in the career guide is <https://www.truity.com/test/career-personality-profiler-test>
 - Develop or update their Academic and Career plan with their school counselor / teacher.