## AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Project Based Learning



#### **GLOBAL FOOD & SUSTAINABILITY**

This is a team-taught, project/ problem-based course that asks students to propose and evaluate solutions to local, regional, and global problems associated with the production and consumption of food.



#### **BUSINESS**

In the Business Academy, students will be working in partnership with actual businesses to research, propose, and evaluate current business trends and challenges faced by industry leaders in our region.



ACCEL is Sun Prairie Area School District's applied career studies program. Through experiential learning, ACCEL provides high school students with the opportunity to apply their coursework to real-world projects.



#### VISION

Recognized as a high performing district of choice that reflects the cultures of our diverse community.

#### **MISSION**

Inspire and prepare every child, every day, by providing relevant, engaging and innovative learning experiences in and out of the classroom.



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### ACCEL CORE VALUES

**Profession-Based Learning:** Instructors develop real-world, project-based learning strategies through collaborations with business and community partners. These interactions enhance the learning experience, preparing students for college and career.

**Self-Discovery and Exploration:** Students realize their strengths and passions by exploring and experiencing potential professions. This allows them to make informed decisions about their future while learning to exhibit leadership.

Professional Skills Development: Unique experiences allow students to cultivate transformative professional skills such as understanding expectations, time management and other essential business values. These skills are critical to providing students a competitive advantage in their post-secondary education and professional careers.



# WHAT DOES A PARTNERSHIP LOOK LIKE?

- Students are working on real-world and valuable projects. The projects are authentic and solve real problems leading to real learning.
- Students are mentored by real employers and learn to present solutions using current practices and tools to meet business partnership.
- Students have an opportunity to become immersed in real industry environments.
- Curriculum reflects the current and projected realities of industry trends and needs, better preparing students for college and careers.
- Local companies/organizations are able to invest in talent early
- · Skills level gaps can be identified and closed
- Curriculum can be revised and adjusted according to changes in industry trends
- Students are connected to industry partners and potential job opportunities and networks post-graduation



# BENEFITS OF PARTNERING

- Introduces innovative, fresh ideas and talent.
- Introduces the business to an upcoming workforce.
- It allows the business to contribute to the needs and wants of tomorrow's workforce.
- Engages students in real-world issues, allowing them to lead to foster community change.