



CAREER DISCOVERY INITIATIVE

CHARTING THE PATH FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO CAREERS



Many students struggle to connect what they learn in the classroom with a meaningful career after graduation, either because they aren't aware of what careers are out there or because they don't see people who look like them in those fields. **32% of young**

54% of students don't feel like school has helped them decide on a career*

people won't attend college*, and programs like this give them the opportunity to explore career options. Each year, Menomonee Valley Partners works with businesses to connect **300 high school students** to meaningful careers through several initiatives:



Valley Career Days bring junior high and high school students to various businesses in the Menomonee River Valley to tour manufacturing and STEM workplaces and learn about opportunities with business practitioners.

Young Women in STEM provides young women in high school with one-on-one mentorship from women currently working in STEM in the Menomonee River Valley and encourages them towards STEM careers.

Service Learning Opportunities host high school students at various companies in the Menomonee River Valley, where they spend a week working with IT professionals and creating projects about what they learned to share with their classmates.

Connecting Interests to Careers in



Science



Technology



Engineering



Mathematics

The initiative partners with Milwaukee schools and Menomonee River Valley businesses to:

- Build awareness of jobs in the Valley and develop a workforce pipeline
- Help students connect in-class learning to careers
- Highlight women and people of color in positions at Valley companies
- Support teachers with access to career-oriented experiences

Contact Catrina@TheValleyMKE.org to learn how you can get involved.