

2020 Timeline

November 14: Future Ready Event

January 29: Career Study Assembly during the PM extended homeroom.

At this point, all seniors should be preparing a resume in English class & sending cover letters to potential sponsors. These should be mailed/delivered as soon as possible. Students should follow-up with phone calls. This is an ongoing task until a proper placement is secured.

April 8: Graduation Project Presentations

April 21: Career Study Materials Due:

Career Sponsor Agreement
completed ONLINE

Notarized permission form

Career Sponsor's Clearances on
file with PVSD if student
is not 18yo by 5/11/20.

Approval Form (signatures)

NO paperwork/online submissions will be accepted after the April 21st deadline.

May 6: Program "Meeting" for Seniors
Likely via email /video

Career Study Program:

May 11 - May 29, 2020 (This is the start date for senior who are finished with their AP tests by this date. There will be a different start date, May 18th, for seniors taking AP tests during the week of May 11th.)

June 1: Students should write a professional thank you letter and send it to their career sponsor. An example of this letter can be found on the Career Study website.

* Seniors who do not present their Graduation Projects on time are **not** eligible for Career Study.

As we look
ahead into the
next century,
leaders will be
those who
empower others.
-Bill Gates



A Cooperative Effort

Since 1999, Perkiomen Valley High School's Career Study Program has provided an opportunity for seniors to learn firsthand about the real-life world of work and the educational and personal requirements for entry and career advancement in particular fields. For the Career Study Program to be successful, students as well as parents, staff and career sponsors must work together.

The **House Principals** and **Career Electives Coordinator** host informational assemblies and are available to students throughout the process.

The **Parent** encourages the student to find a meaningful experience, signs authorization and release forms, and evaluates the experience.

The **Career Sponsor** establishes with the student several meaningful goals and evaluates the program. Effective in 2016, Career Sponsors must have their clearances on file with PVSD. This was updated in 2018 to only apply to students who are under 18 years of age at the beginning of this program (5/11/20).

The **Faculty Adviser** works with a limited number of students to maintain contact weekly. Faculty Advisers visit career sites and evaluate the entire program.

The **Student** creates a resume, assumes responsibility for following guidelines, makes a total commitment to the program and meets with the Faculty Adviser weekly. The Student is responsible for submitting all paperwork on time and adhering to the school's code of conduct.

Questions may be directed to:

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Senior Career Study Program

**Perkiomen
Valley High
School**

**May 11 -
May 29,
2020**

Learners Today,
Leaders Tomorrow

Program Guidelines:

- Effective starting in 2016, Career Sponsors must have all of their clearances on file with Perkiomen Valley School District. Updated in 2018, this requirement only applies for students that are under 18 years of age. More information can be found on the Career Study website.
- Students must be academically eligible with a 70% in all courses and no disciplinary problems in order to qualify for the program.
- Students must have satisfactory attendance at school.
- Students should explore an area of interest other than their present employment. This is a non-paid internship with the primary goal being experience.
- Students must participate for an average of six hours/day OR thirty hours/week. Those hours do not need to be the same as school hours.
- Students must meet or initiate contact with their faculty advisers weekly to discuss their career study activities. Failure to initiate and maintain this weekly communication will be reason to terminate the Career Study experience.
- Students must have the approval of all their teachers. All coursework and assignments must be current as of **April 21st** and maintained thereafter. Teachers may give final exams before the program begins.

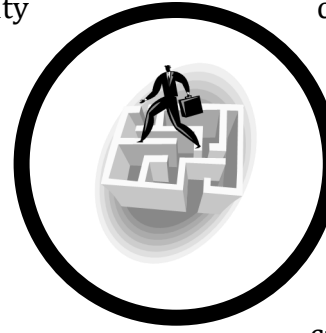
Program Overview

The Perkiomen Valley High School's **Career Study Program** provides an opportunity for students in good standing to explore potential career areas during several weeks preceding graduation. The student, with the help of a faculty adviser and a career sponsor in a business, professional field or community service organization, designs a program of observation and hands-on experiences in an area of career interest.

The Career Study Program gives students links between their formal education and the "real" world application of skills. There are obvious benefits: new experiences, role models, enhanced self-esteem, responsibility, and motivation to pursue career goals.

Students must maintain weekly contact with the faculty adviser. At the end of the program, students should update their resume, send a professional thank you letter (typed) and complete an online evaluation.

A similar survey will be emailed to the career sponsor.



Career Study helps guide students to their goals.

The timeline for this year's program lists specific deadlines and responsibilities.

Initially, students look for a career sponsor in their general area of interest. Resumes and letters are mailed by the student or delivered to possible career sponsors. Ultimately, the career sponsors work with the students to develop achievable goals for the specific student's Career Study Program.

Students represent Perkiomen Valley High School throughout the entire process and must adhere to all school policies and rules. Administration reserves the right to withdraw the career study privilege at any time during the program.

Students who are withdrawn will return to their regular academic schedule.