



Barnstable Intermediate School Career Exploration

Helping Students Find Their "WHY"

A student wearing a firefighter's helmet and jacket is smiling in a classroom. In the background, a whiteboard displays the text "Who's up for a challenge?" and a red digital clock shows 12:38. There are also signs on the wall, including one that says "71 Tickets" and another that says "RESPECT LOCALS".

Mission statement:

The mission of Barnstable Intermediate School's Career Exploration is to help students find their talents, passions and skills and in turn help them find the "why" behind their education as part of the discovery phase of MyCAP.

Vision and Values

Vision

- To foster lifelong skills needed to be successful at BIS and beyond
- To establish a meaningful transition to Barnstable High School
- To ensure student engagement in their exploratory learning
- To make connections to real life experiences
- For students to share their experiences through student led conferences

Values

To promote:

- Equity
- Student Engagement
- Collaboration with Community Members
- Student insight into talents, passions and skills

Funding

American Student Assistance*

BIS was awarded a 3 year, \$100,000 grant specifically for career exploration.

Mass IDEAS Planning Grant

BIS was awarded a \$150,000 planning grant. Career Exploration is 1 of the 5 focuses in this grant.

* ASA is currently accepting applications for the 20/21 school year. Use [this link](#) for more information.

Milestones

Spring 2019

Mass IDEAS and ASA grants were awarded

July 2019

The Career Exploration Planning Group was formed and teachers began the work of organizing a kick off event

July/August 2019

Planning Group developed the vision and began planning for the 2019/20 school year

August 2019

1st Career Exploration kick off event for families with guest speaker Scott Solberg

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sept

June 2019

Liaisons for Mass IDEAS were established

July/August 2019

Enrichment teachers and first adopters developed lessons to include career exploration

September 2019

2nd Career Exploration kick off Event for families including presentations by enrichment teachers

1st 21st Century learning day for all students to identify their passions and skills

Milestones

November 2019

2nd 21st Century ½ day
for all students

O*Net and Xello

January 2020

Explore
partnership with
AGC of MA and
ACE Mentoring

January 2020

1st Career Ambassador
event was held for our
7th grade students to
introduce 4 of the HS
Pathways and to help
inform their course
selection for 8th grade

February 2020

1st 21st Century Career Day
for both 6th and 7th grade with
approximately 30 community
members scheduled to attend

A community forum will be
held for community members
and teachers to share ideas
and future plans

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

October 2020

Shark Unit Pilot with Shark
Dissection and culminating Share
Fair including families and the
school and business communities

Year long Future Forward Fridays
Pilot introduced

January 2020

Virtual Convening
with Pewaukee
School District in
Wisconsin

March 2020

2nd Career Ambassador
event will be held for
our 7th grade students
to introduce the
remaining of the HS
Pathways

Next Steps...

2020-2021 School Year

Continuation of Existing Programs

- *Continued use of monthly ½ days for 21st Century learning*
- *Career Ambassador visits for the High School Pathways*
- *Career Day*

New Programs

- **Career Exploration Elective**
- **Addition of 2nd Career Day**
- **Student Directed ½ day**
- **Career Exploration in all classes**