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Workforce Solutions Alamo Invites Middle & High School Teachers to Participate in Paid Summer Externships

Hands-on program equips teachers to gain new skills to prepare students for future careers, includes a \$500 stipend

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) is enrolling teachers, counselors, and education professionals in the 13-county Alamo area in this year's Teacher Externship Project. The project provides Alamo region teachers and educators meaningful opportunities to learn about local businesses and in-demand industries while obtaining continuing educational credit units through Region 20. Upon completion, participants receive a \$500 stipend. The Teacher Externship Project is collaborative effort from the Alamo STEM Workforce Coalition.

Upcoming clusters for enrollment include:

- **Math:** July 11-14
- **Physical Sciences:** July 11-14
- **Life Sciences:** July 18-21
- **Composite Sciences:** July 18-21
- **Food Science:** July 18-21

"The Teacher Externship Project is a beneficial opportunity to provide local educators with hands-on experience in high-demand career fields," states Adrian Lopez, Workforce Solutions Alamo Chief Executive Officer. "Through their participation, teachers are helping to prepare today's students for future careers, helping to align education to the workforce needs here in our area."

This year the program will feature in-person and virtual visits with business, industry, and military professionals. Hybrid professional development opportunities and pre-recorded videos are available to extend the breadth and depth of the externship experience.

What:

The Teacher Externship Project is designed to provide middle and high school educators professional development opportunities within various industries to enrich classroom instruction. Through hands-on learning, participants gain insights into the technical and essential skills required in the workplace. Insights are then integrated into curriculums to better prepare students for future careers.

Who Is Eligible:

Educators in middle and high schools within the 13-county Alamo area (Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson)

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What To Expect (For Educators):

- In-person visits with business, industry, and military professionals including manufacturing, IT/robotics, biomedical, environmental, construction, and engineering
- In-person and virtual professional development and activities
- Pre-recorded videos to extend breadth and depth of externships

How to apply:

Spots are limited. Interested middle school and high school teachers and educators are encouraged to apply today at [Teacher Externship Project 2022 \(alamostemwc.org\)](https://www.alamostemwc.org)

Workforce Solutions Alamo invites media partners to share this information with the community. Interviews with Workforce Solutions Alamo staff regarding the Teacher Externship Project are available upon request. Past program participants and local employer partners are also available for outreach. Please contact the Workforce Solutions Alamo Communications department with any questions at communications@wsalamo.org.

For more information about Workforce Solutions Alamo and the organization's impact on the community as the area leader in workforce development, please visit [workforcesolutionsalamo.org](https://www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org), or call (210) 224-4357.

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The Workforce Solutions Alamo Board serves as the governing board for the regional workforce system, a network of service providers and contractors that brings people and jobs together. Workforce Solutions Alamo is composed of the 13-county Alamo region. Workforce Solutions Alamo membership reflects the diverse constituencies of the regional community: business, economic development, education, labor, community organizations, and government. For more information on available workforce programs and services, visit www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org or call (210) 224-4357.

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