

CAREER PATHWAYS TRUST GRANT – UPDATE

The Marin County Office of Education, in partnership with five North Bay County Offices of Education (Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Mendocino and Lake), was awarded a three-year \$15 million grant from the California Career Pathways Trust Initiative. Marin County Office of Education will receive approximately \$1.5 over the three year grant period.

Marin County Office of Education will partner with its high school districts, community college and Workforce Investment Board to provide focused learning opportunities through Career Pathways classes that include work based learning, such as student internships and teacher externships in business. The key goals of this grant will be to:

- Connect education to the Economic and Workforce needs of the North Bay.
- Promote integrating Career Technical Education and Common Core State Standards in our high school programs
- Build and expand work-based learning opportunities for students and teachers to connect classroom and instruction with real-world experiences in the work place.
- Strengthen and facilitate a smooth and effective transition from high school programs to post-secondary programs and careers for students.

Targeted career pathways were selected that will align with regional economic growth indicators, high skill and high wage job openings, and have strong business and industry partners committing to support these careers. The identified pathways are:

- Engineering/Architecture (Civil, structural, environmental and design)
- Integrated Communications Technology (Digital media, entertainment systems/software development)
- Health Science and Bio-Technology

The Career Pathways grant will integrate and compliment the current career readiness work of our Regional Occupational Program (ROP), School to Career (STC) and district based Career Technical Education classes.

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