



The GO CAPS program is about giving students the opportunity to test drive their future, discover where their passions lie and learn alongside business leaders. It provides real-world, professional skills through a year-long immersive experience at partner businesses across the Ozarks.

GO CAPS HELPS STUDENTS BY:

- Placing students in real business environments
- Developing curriculum around industry trends and needs
- Promoting “anywhere” learning and teaching
- Partnering educators and companies for real-world learning
- Helping students identify passions and grow professional and technical skills early

CONTACT INFORMATION

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COURSE STRANDS

Engineering and Manufacturing

On-site at Springfield Remanufacturing Corp., students will interact with engineers and manufacturers from across the business community to apply lean manufacturing processes that solve complex problems, create value for customers and strive for efficiency in production.

Project Examples from similar CAPS programs:

- Students are responsible for drawing a model of the manufacturing facility that will be utilized by operations staff to analyze possible issues with increased volume, visibility while on the plant floor, safety hazards, etc.
- Students partner with Quality Managers to redesign the process flow of operator cabins that enable cost savings.
- Students review all procedures for both office and production related processes. Students audit checklists and procedures for accuracy, updating them to be more efficient, and creating a directory of the procedures by department. Students collaborate with Quality, Team Leader, Management, and Team Members.

Medicine and Health Care

At the classroom facility in CoxHealth, students will expand upon principles of human physiology through in-depth case studies of body systems. They will develop fluency in basic medical language, formulate treatment plans for patients, and practice physical assessment skills with the support of health care professionals from partner organizations like Mercy, Jordan Valley Community Health Center and Citizens Memorial Hospital.

Project Examples from similar CAPS programs:

- Students partner with a local hospital and other CAPS engineering students to design and develop a plan to

build a state-of-the-art simulation lab to practice patient care and life-saving procedures.

- Students partner with a technology firm and local cardiologists to design new gigabit technologies that reduce the hospital readmission rate of congestive heart failure patients.
- Students work with a local children’s hospital unit to design and develop a pediatric colostomy bag and flange that is more attractive and effective.

Entrepreneurship

Given the dynamic nature of idea and business start-up, there is no fixed curriculum in this strand, but rather a framework for unique learning experiences called “CAPSules” that introduce a new theme through targeted business projects and business partner engagement. Students will cover topics in innovation and entrepreneurship, finance, leadership and teamwork, market analysis, communication and technology, project and time management, while housed in the business incubator space at the eFactory.

Project Examples from similar CAPS programs:

- Partner with an e-commerce company to perform a market analysis determining if the company should take the current business model of baseball bat and glove distribution to an international market.
- Partner with a start-up company to develop a comprehensive marketing and social media strategy to increase the awareness of the new product line.
- Partner with a regional bank’s executives to develop a new debit card product for the iPhone dedicated to the niche market of 18-21 year olds.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do colleges think of a program like GO CAPS?

Colleges and universities believe a program like this is a differentiator for a student. Many students entering college have significant academic performance, but a student that has strong academic performance AND has professional skills and a portfolio of real business projects will leapfrog college peers.

Is GO CAPS a trade school or Career and Technical Education (CTE) program?

No. Trade schools and Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offer important training on specific industry skills. At GO CAPS, students deeply explore professions of interest through an immersive experience in which local and regional business partners work with highly skilled instructors to provide authentic exposure and skill acquisition in high demand high skill fields.

How much does it cost?

Tuition for the program is paid by the student's home district. Springfield Public Schools is the fiscal agent for the GO CAPS program. GO CAPS is governed by a board made up of area business leaders and superintendents. The board is given authority to manage this program through a cooperative memorandum of understanding approved by all participating school districts.

When do students attend the GO CAPS program?

Students will meet at the business partners' sites for 2 ½ hours, five days a week all year.

How will students be graded and what type of credit is offered for the class?

Students will earn both high school and college credit, and students will be graded on project work, self, peer, and business assessments, and professional skills (including attendance and dress code). Students will dress business casual every day, unless otherwise specified by the instructor and/or determined during project work with business partners.

Participating School Districts

Bolivar R-1 School District

Branson Public Schools

Logan-Rogersville Schools

Monett R-1 School District - Affiliate

Nixa Public Schools

Ozark R-VI School District

Reeds Spring School District

Republic School District

Springfield Public Schools

Strafford R-VI School District

Willard Public Schools



GO CAPS Entrepreneurship – Launching Fall 2015!

Students! Are you interested in:

Business

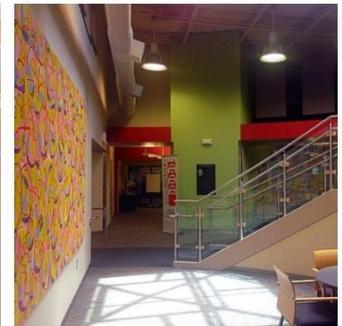
Innovation

Research & Development

Finance

Marketing

**Do you want to work at the eFactory
alongside real business professionals,
learning hands-on?**



Strand preview and open house – Come check us out!

When: Monday, August 10, 6:00-8:00 PM

Where: The eFactory, 405 N. Jefferson Ave. Room 1023

**Learn more about this innovative education program,
visit with business partners, and be introduced to our instructor, Sarah Clayton.**

This event is open to current and potential GO CAPS students!

Call 417-862-5567 and ask for Karen for more info or find us on Twitter @GOCAPSedu