# 2022 NW Youth Careers Expo: Educator FAQs

## What is the Expo?

The 18th annual NW Youth Careers Expo will take place on March 15-16, 2022, as a virtual event, allowing high school students to find inspiration and information about career opportunities. Students will engage with employers and post-secondary partners for community-based career exploration, using a simple yet dynamic conferencing tool that allows attendees to connect within a visually rich Exhibit Hall and Auditorium.

## How will I know if my group is confirmed?

We will follow up within 1-2 weeks to confirm your group's participation. Once your group is accepted, we will need your student names and emails from you in February. IMPORTANT: Students will log on using their email address. They can't log on unless this email address is registered with us.

## Can teachers and staff attend too?

Yes! You will need to add their names and emails to your registration list. Don't forget to add your own.

## How are schools able to attend?

We give priority to our contract partners sending large groups (Gresham-Barlow, North Clackamas, Parkrose, PPS, Reynolds, ORCA). We also set aside capacity for high schools from a diversity of suburban, urban and rural communities, as well as to community organizations serving underrepresented populations.

## Do my students have to attend at a certain time?

No. Registered students in your group can attend any time on March 15-16. They can also access the platform, including on-demand career talks and booth materials, for 30 days after the live event.

# What students can do during ALL hours of the live Careers Expo?

They can explore exhibitor booths; access on-demand auditorium career talks, do the scavenger hunt and leaderboard, do class assignments, and find resources to put in their digital backpacks and send to themselves.

#### What are additional features during SOME live hours?

Many employers or postsecondary partners will host live talks at certain times. Exhibitors will have several designated hours to be more active in their booths.

#### I'm having trouble completing my interest form. Can you help?

Be sure to fill out all of the required fields. That should do the trick!

# How do I prepare students?

Our website includes information on exhibiting employers and postsecondary partners. We'll host "office hours" in February where you can get a sneak preview of the virtual platform. Watch our website and your inbox for more resources, including student-prep materials and suggested activities.

#### What about individual registration?

Group registration is the best option for any school wanting to send more than 10 students. Individual registration works well for students attending on their own. It will open in late January.