



OCSD TO PROVIDE “HIRE” EDUCATION TO FIVE STUDENT APPRENTICES

Orangeburg County School District is hiring five rising 11th grade students who will complete two-year apprenticeships for positions including Accounting Technician, Automotive Technician, Building Maintenance, Communications Specialist, and Information Technology (IT) Technician.

As a registered employer with the Department of Labor and Apprenticeship South Carolina, OCSD will offer selected students the opportunity to demonstrate college and career readiness, while gaining authentic work experience and earning a paycheck.

“Future-readiness encompasses much more than a high school diploma,” Orangeburg’s superintendent Dr. Shawn Foster commented. “Our apprenticeship program will connect classroom lessons to hands-on experiences, helping students learn and practice soft skills that are essential to their success.”

Apprenticeship applications are posted on the district website, ocsdsc.org, under “join our team.” To be eligible for an interview, students must be at least 16 years of age and meet all requirements listed of the job posting, including reliable transportation. Applications will be accepted throughout the week, with a deadline of Friday, July 16.

Selected students will work part-time after school for two consecutive years, with additional hours up to a full-time schedule during extended breaks. Student apprentices will work under the supervision of District employee mentors who will help them learn the essential skills necessary to demonstrate proficiency in all work competencies of their apprenticeship program.

While the District is among the first employers in the county to promote “Hire” Education, the school system will ideally be one of many more businesses offering apprenticeships to students in the coming years.

“I’m confident business and industry partners will join us in helping prepare students for future success in the workforce by offering hands-on training through apprenticeships,” the superintendent continued. “Building a pipeline of future workers is essential to establishing a viable workforce.”