Real World Learning INDUSTRY SECTOR ALIGNMENTS

RWL strives to increase collaboration between districts seeking industry-specific guidance with employers in our region. We look to support transferability of practice between programs while also achieving greater diversity in employer representation. These efforts support speed of adoption and shine a light on regional economic strengths.

KC High Demand Industry Sectors



Advanced Manufacturing

Over the next 10 years, Kansas City companies are expected to hire over 100,000 people for supply chain and manufacturing jobs due to growth and replacement. Design and Build

Kansas City has long had a strength in global design occupations. Over the next 10 years, Kansas City companies will hire over 17,000 people due to growth and replacement.



Finance and Insurance

Kansas City companies are expected to hire nearly 60,000 workers in finance and insurance over the next 10 years. This sector is expected to grow 5 percent over that period.



Information & Technology

Employees with IT skills are in high demand. Over the next 10 years, Kansas City companies will hire over 37,000 people due to growth and replacement.



Life Sciences

Over the next 10 years, Kansas City companies are projected to hire over 47,000 people due to growth and replacement.

Steps to Industry & Education Collaboration



Community Alignment

Identify key industry sectors that are consistently represented in both civic and workforce development data and education pathway structure.



Strategic Priorities

Calibrate District work that aligns to each sector and organize for stronger industry engagment.



Coalition Building

Build coalitions through convening at an increased frequency in an effort to create greater transparency of real-time industry practice and needs.