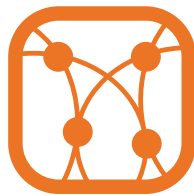


# Where STUDENTS *Authentic Profession-based Experiential Learning* | Lead.



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# What is CAPS?

The Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) is a high school innovation that creates a learning environment where **students are treated as peer adults** and can explore potential careers based on knowing their **passions, purpose and strengths** while working with professionals and practitioners on real-world problems and projects.

# CAPS Core Values

*There are **FIVE CORE VALUES** that guide the design and implementation of each CAPS Program. Each principle must be built into each strand for it to achieve the goals of the innovation.*

**1**

**PROFESSION-BASED LEARNING** – Instructors develop real-world, project-based learning strategies through collaborations with business and community partners. These interactions enhance the learning experience, preparing students for college and career.

**2**

**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT** – Unique experiences allow students to cultivate transformative professional skills such as understanding expectations, time management and other essential business values. These skills are critical to providing students a competitive advantage in their post-secondary education and professional careers.

**3**

**SELF-DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION** – Students realize their strengths and passions by exploring and experiencing potential professions. This allows them to make informed decisions about their future, while learning to exhibit leadership.

**4**

**ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET** – Instructors create an environment where creative thinking and problem solving is encouraged. An innovative culture is key to fostering entrepreneurial learning and design thinking.

**5**

**RESPONSIVENESS** – CAPS supports high-skill, high-demand careers through ongoing innovation in curriculum development, programs and services based on local business and community needs.



**CAPS creates rich and meaningful experiences for students as well as industry and post-secondary partners.**



ACROSS

**76**

**PROGRAMS**

**138**

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

THROUGHOUT

**19**

**STATES**

**3**

**COUNTRIES**

**WEST: 4** Programs

**MIDWEST**  
**37** Programs

**UPPER MIDWEST**  
**15** Programs

**NORTHEAST**  
**3** Programs

**SOUTHWEST:**  
**9** Programs



**INTERNATIONAL: 2** Programs

**SOUTH: 6** Programs

# CAPS NETWORK AFFILIATES

## MIDWEST

### MISSOURI

#### Catalyst

*Participating Districts:*

- Brentwood
- Clayton
- Ladue
- University City

#### Center School District

Kansas City

#### Frontier School of Innovation

Kansas City

#### GO CAPS Branson

*Participating Districts:*

- Branson
- Hollister
- Reeds Spring
- Spokane

#### GO CAPS Lake Region

*Participating Districts:*

- Laquey
- Lebanon
- Camdenton
- Conway
- Plato
- Richland

#### GO CAPS Monett

*Participating Districts:*

- Aurora
- Billings
- Monett
- Verona

#### GO CAPS Springfield

*Participating Districts:*

- Logan Rogersville
- Fordland
- Marshfield
- Niangua
- Nixa
- Ozark
- Republic
- Springfield
- Strafford

#### GO CAPS West Plains

West Plains

#### Hazelwood School District

St. Louis

#### Kansas City CAPS

Kansas City Public Schools

#### Lincoln County R-III School District

Troy

#### Mid-Missouri CAPS

Moberley School District

#### MOSO CAPS

*Participating Districts:*

- Missouri Southern State University
- Joplin School District
- Carl Junction
- Webb City

#### NEWcaps

Neosho School District

#### Northland CAPS

*Participating districts:*

- Excelsior Springs
- Kearney
- Lathrop
- Lawson
- Liberty
- North Kansas City
- North Platte
- Park Hill
- Platte County
- Smithville

#### Rockhurst High School

Kansas City

#### Southland CAPS

*Participating districts:*

- Hickman Mills
- Lee's Summit
- Raymore-Peculiar
- Raytown

#### Spark!

*Participating districts:*

- Parkway School District
- Rockwood School District

#### St. Charles County CAPS

*Participating Districts:*

- St. Charles
- Orchard Farm
- Francis Howell
- Fort Zumwalt
- Wentzville

#### St. Louis CAPS

*Participating Districts:*

- Affton
- Bayless
- Fox
- Hancock Place
- Kirkwood
- Lindbergh
- Mehlville

#### Washington CAPS

*Participating Districts:*

- Hermann
- Warrenton
- The School District of Washington



## IOWA

### **Cedar Valley CAPS Cedar Falls**

*Participating Districts:*

- Cedar Falls Schools
- Waterloo Community School District

### **Cedar Valley CAPS**

#### **Columbus Catholic**

Columbus Catholic

### **Cedar Valley CAPS Jesup**

Jesup Community School District

### **Cedar Valley CAPS Denver**

Denver

### **Cedar Valley CAPS Don Bosco**

Don Bosco

### **Cedar Valley CAPS Wapsie Valley**

Wapsie Valley

### **Siouxland CAPS**

*Participating Districts:*

- MOC-FV CSD
- Sheldon CSD
- Sioux Center CSD

## KANSAS

### **Andover CAPS**

Andover Public Schools

### **Blue Valley CAPS**

Blue Valley Schools

### **De Soto USD**

De Soto USD

### **LAUNCH**

Pittsburg Community Schools

### **TCALC**

Topeka Public Schools

## NEBRASKA

### **Custer Capable**

*Participating Districts:*

- Anselmo-Merna Public Schools
- Ansley Public Schools
- Arnold Public Schools
- Broken Bow Public Schools
- Callaway Public Schools
- Sargent Public Schools

### **Nebraska CAPS**

South Central USD 5

“

**Enrolling in CAPS  
is an investment  
in your future. I  
gained the real-  
world experience  
that I needed to  
be immediately  
successful in  
college.”**

— Emily Oades,  
University of Kansas  
Business Leadership  
Program

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Truly getting a sense of what it is like to be a professional, and how important it is in the real world, along with the strong communication between peers and teachers makes ‘school’ actually enjoyable.”

— MN CAPS Student

## UPPER MIDWEST

### MINNESOTA

#### Alexandria CAPS

Alexandria Public Schools

#### Anoka-Hennepin STEP

Anoka-Hennepin Schools

#### Compass

Wayzata Public Schools

#### Crow CAPS

Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa School District

#### MNCAPS

*Participating districts:*

- Farmington
- Prior Lake-Savage

#### Shakopee CAPS

Shakopee Public Schools

#### Stillwater CAPS

Stillwater Area High School

#### Summit Academies

Jordan Public Schools

#### TriDistrict CAPS

*Participating districts:*

- Eagan
- Mendota Heights
- West St. Paul

### MICHIGAN

#### Bloomfield Hills

Bloomfield Hills School District

### NORTH DAKOTA

#### Dickinson Public Schools

Dickinson Public Schools

### WISCONSIN

#### ACCEL

Sun Prairie Area School District

#### Endeavor High School

Watertown

#### LAUNCH

*Participating Districts:*

- Pathways High
- School District of Elmbrook
- Wauwatusa School District

#### Oconomowoc CAPS

Oconomowoc Area School District

## SOUTHWEST

### ARIZONA

#### MET Professional Academy

Peoria Unified School District

### COLORADO

#### Cherry Creek Innovation Campus

Cherry Creek School District

#### Sand Creek High School Pathways

D49 School District

### UTAH

#### Basin CAPS

Duchesne County School District

#### Davis School District

Farmington

#### Nebo CAPS

Nebo School District

#### Park City CAPS

Park City School District

#### Provo City School District

Provo

#### Wasatch CAPS

Wasatch County School District





## SOUTH

### ARKANSAS

#### Envision

Greenwood School District

#### Excel CAPS

Little Rock School District

#### Ignite

Bentonville

### TENNESSEE

#### Cleveland City Schools

Cleveland

### TEXAS

#### MAPS – Moody Advanced Professional Studies Center

Highland Park ISD

#### Dallas Christian School

Mesquite

## NORTHEAST

### NEW JERSEY

#### Pascack Valley Regional School District

*Participating Districts:*

- Emerson Public Schools
- Park Ridge School District
- Pascack Valley Regional District

### MASSACHUSETTS

#### Uxbridge CAPS

Uxbridge School District

### VERMONT

#### Lyndon Institute

Lyndon Center

## WEST

### CALIFORNIA

#### Simi Valley USD

Simi Valley

### WASHINGTON

#### Innovation Ridge CAPS

Ridgefield School District

#### Market Square Education

Woodinville

#### Highline Public Schools

Highline School District

## INTERNATIONAL

### CANADA

#### Holy Trinity School CAPS

Ontario

### INDIA

#### The American School of Bombay

Mumbai

# TESTIMONIALS

“

Due to my development of critical-thinking skills through CAPS' emphasis on innovation and exploration, I am well-prepared for future research, job, and internship opportunities.”

— Meredith Rosenberg, CAPS Bioscience Alumnus and Tulane University student

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“

CAPS students stand out as successful, engaged and motivated toward getting the most from the college experience. Their leadership and communication skills come to the forefront when assuming roles in student organizations, as well as making those critical connections with employers that lead to internships and job offers.”

— Leanne Reineman, Kansas State University Recruitment Coordinator

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“

The difference between CAPS compared to other high schools is not one to be taken lightly. Here we are trusted and expected to take control of our own learning. It's exciting to see what high schoolers can do for a community.”

— Siena Volmer, PCCAPS Health and Medicine student

“

CAPS is one of the most wonderful things that we have gotten involved with—it's been amazing to see the difference we have made in the lives of young people. That is the future.”

— Rahul Jalali,  
Vice President, Walmart International

“

CAPS – It's a place of great discovery.”

— Clifton Taubert,  
Author and Entrepreneur





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