

# MiCareerQuest **CHECK LIST**

NORTHEAST

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Arrive 10-15 minutes early to allow for unloading
- Review student expectations with students
- Distribute bus driver directions
- Review dress code with students



## DRESS CODE

- ✓ Close-toe shoes REQUIRED
- ✓ Long pants recommended
- ✗ No backpacks, food, or drinks
- ✗ No earbuds/headphones/ weapons/vapes
- ☀️ Some exhibits are outside!

## ON THE BUS

- Hand out stickers to every student/chaperone (must be worn on chest and visible)
- Review bus loading zone (exit) location. Corresponds with your sticker color.
- Running late to the event? Call 231.330.7847

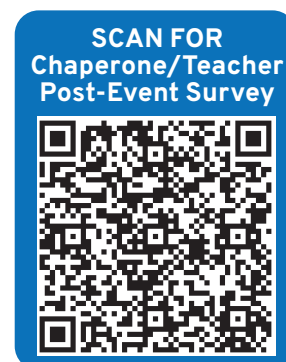


## ARRIVAL AT THE EVENT

- Drop off at main entrance
- Bus will park in designated area
- Check in at Welcome Table with your # of students and # of chaperones
- Stay with your group
- Follow Student Escort volunteers (waving pool noodles)
- Your school's sticker color determines which quadrant you starts/end

## DEPARTURE / AFTER EVENT

- Help load students on buses quickly
- If students are using restroom before departure, have them do so quickly!
- Remind students to complete the survey (QR code on their stickers).
- The teacher/chaperone survey will be emailed to the email on your initial school registration OR scan this QR code *after the event*.



May 14, 2026 | Ellison Place  
150 Dale Dr. | Gaylord, MI 49735

Session 1: 9:15am-11:13am | Session 2: 11:45pm-1:43pm

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## WHAT IS MICAREERQUEST?

A hands-on, career exploration event (not a job fair!) where students interact with real professionals and try careers in action.

## HOW IT WORKS

- Students rotate through 4 industry quadrants
- They'll spend 28 minutes in each quadrant
- Students can visit any exhibits they'd like
- Music signals when to rotate to next quadrant
- Follow Student Escorts waving pool noodles
- Students will NOT have a chance to hit every exhibit in 28 minutes - encourage them to prioritize which they'd like to visit most.
- Your LAST quadrant will be the same color as your stickers/student bags. This will be where you will board your bus after the event.

## INDUSTRY QUADRANTS

Each industry quadrant features in-demand, rewarding careers.

-  Construction
-  Healthcare
-  Manufacturing
-  Technology

## PREP YOUR STUDENTS

This is a hands-on experience—students won't just be observing. Exhibitors lead interactive demonstrations and activities that bring careers to life, from building and testing to simulations and more. **Chaperones - please encourage students to participate!**

## MUST KNOW INFO



### LOUD NOISES

Advise students ahead of time there will be loud noises, hammering, etc.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER

Mother Nature won't cancel MiCareerQuest - and we'll still have our outdoor exhibits.



### RESTROOMS

Restrooms available throughout the venue. Port-o-potties located outside in Construction & Technology, indoors at end of Healthcare & Manufacturing.

- No loitering
- Listen for music cues to rotate quadrants!



### MEDIA RELEASE NOTICE

By attending, you may be recorded or photographed for promotional use. Attendance implies consent. Students should have a signed media release on file at their school.



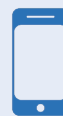
### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students must follow their school's code of conduct and remain at the event until departure. Disrespectful behavior, fighting, foul language, smoking, or vaping will not be tolerated. Security will be on-site.



### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Safety is a top priority. In an emergency, law enforcement, security, and volunteers will provide directions.



### CELL PHONES + SOCIALS

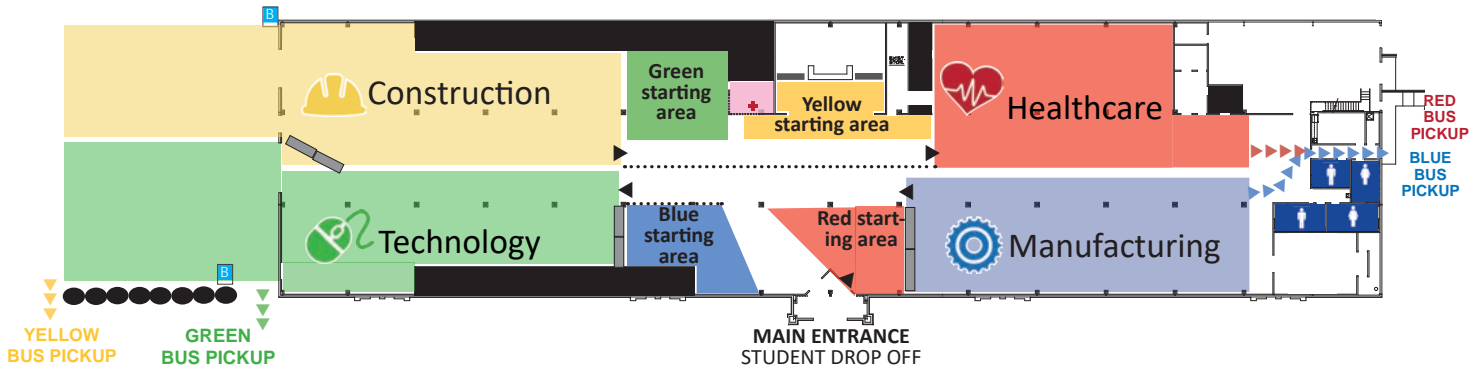
Even if your school limits phone use, they're encouraged here—TAKE PHOTOS, VIDEOS and share your experience! **#MiCareerQuest**



### CHAPERONES + BUS DRIVERS

PLEASE REMEMBER exhibitors are here to engage with students. We ask that you avoid lengthy conversations so students can fully participate.

## THE ELLISON PLACE



## ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Encourage students not to be shy! This is their chance to ask "What's that thing?" and "Can I try that?" or ask exhibitors about their career paths and how/why they decided to go into their respective fields.

## SOME GREAT QUESTIONS TO ASK

- When did you decide to pursue a career in this field?
- What other jobs did you consider?
- What skills and education are required for your job?
- What do you like most about your job? Least?
- Describe a typical day on the job. What are your hours/days of work?
- What personal qualities or abilities are important to being successful in this job?
- Do you work alone or on a team most often?
- What can cause stress on this job?
- What is the job outlook for this career field?
- What are some of the surprises you've had in this job?
- Were you employed in another profession before this job? If so, why did you change professions?
- What kind of training do companies like yours provide new employees? What skills are you expected to have beforehand?
- What advice would you give someone considering the same career?

## WHO WAS THERE?

Alpena High School  
ACC Trio Talent  
Alcona High School  
Atlanta Community Schools  
Cheboygan High School  
Charlton Heston Academy  
Fairview High School

Gaylord High & Middle Schools  
Gaylord St. Mary's  
Grayling High School  
Hillman Community Schools  
Houghton Lake High School  
Houghton Lake Community Ed.  
Inland Lakes Schools

Joburg-Lewiston High & Middle  
Mio AuSable High School  
Ogemaw Heights High School  
Posen Consolidated School  
Rogers City High School  
TRUTH  
Wolverine High School

## QUICK FACTS

### BIGGEST IN THE REGION!

MiCareerQuest Northeast is the largest one-day career exploration event for high schoolers in the area.

### ATTENDEES

**1,600 students**  
**21 schools**  
**10 counties**

### EXHIBITS

**80+ organizations**  
**130+ in-demand careers**

### 4 industries:

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Technology
- Healthcare

### REAL PEOPLE, REAL JOBS

### 60+ volunteers

- Kept everything running smoothly

### 300+ working professionals

- Built hands-on activities
- Shared real job insights
- Helped you explore new things

# Continue your students' career exploration journey with Pathfinder!



Here is a post-event activity to help your students navigate their path to a successful future.



1. Encourage your students to think about the careers that most captured their interest during **their recent** career exploration event.
2. Ask them to visit Pathfinder (Pathfinder.MiTalent.org) to create a **custom roadmap** exploring one of those careers.
3. Lead a classroom discussion comparing their career roadmaps, (Highlight the many great career, education & training options available to your students in Michigan!)



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[miworksne.org/MiCareerQuest](https://miworksne.org/MiCareerQuest)

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