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WHAT IS



SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSORTIUM





CAPS stands for the Center for Advanced Professional Studies. These programs are nationally recognized innovative high school programs. We are happy to be a part of the CAPS Network!



WHAT IS CATALYST (CAPS)?

- Catalyst (CAPS) is a 2 period program that immerses high school students in professional environments through engaging curriculum
- Catalyst (CAPS) classrooms are held off-site at businesses
- Learning is real-world, real-time, and hands-on.
- There are 100+ CAPS programs in over 25 states, over 175 school districts, and 4 countries



CURRENT CATALYST STRANDS

- **Global Business and Entrepreneurship**
 - Develop a new business idea and bring it to market and/or intern with a local business
- **Humanities and Social Sciences**
 - Explore the fields of communication, law, politics, and nonprofits, among others
- **Education and Instruction**
 - Focus is on general theory and practice of teaching and learning, the principles of educational psychology, the planning and implementation of educational activities, and school safety and health



CATALYST IMPORTANT INFO

- Catalyst Session Times
 - 1:30pm-3:00pm
- Year-long program - 2 high school credits (credit type varies by district)
- Dual Credit through UMSL University is available
- Associates must provide own transportation or carpool
- Associates must maintain 95% attendance while in CAPS
- Associates must dress professionally (business casual)



CATALYST PROGRAM STRUCTURE

1st Semester

- CAPS instructors focus on teaching strand-related content. As well as developing professional skills and taking a deep dive into career exploration through guest speakers and site visits.
- Student learning around professional skills and content is also driven by client project work (non-mission critical) directly from industry/business partners.

2nd Semester

- Students are immersed in professional environments through a half-school day, unpaid internship with a CAPS business partner from January to the beginning of May.
- Students meet with their CAPS instructor in their business area classroom one day per week.



HOW IS CATALYST DIFFERENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL?



CATALYST Benefits

- Discover your passions and develop professional skills
 - Find your mission, not your major
 - Professional Skills Boot Camp (deep focus on communication, collaboration, choice, creativity, and critical thinking)
 - Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, and Networking Skills
- Work alongside business professionals in workplace settings
 - Student Choice: Launch a business, be an intern, plan an event
- Solve real-world problems using industry tools
- Explore high skill, high demand careers
 - Speaker Panels and Site Visits



HOW TO APPLY FOR CATALYST

- Be a junior or senior
- Complete the online application
 - bit.ly/CatalystSTLApplication
- Speak with your home school's counselor
- Applications due: March 1st



PROSPECTIVE STUDENT/PARENT NIGHT

- January 31st
 - [Catalyst Building](#)
 - 6-7pm
- RSVP by 1/27
 - bit.ly/CatalystProspectiveMemberNight



WANT MORE INFO?

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