

# REACH

REACH is an employment readiness and leadership development program that supports students in developing knowledge and skills that are transferable into direct and immediate jobs in fields related to sport, recreation, hospitality, and other services. REACH is currently running in 7 secondary schools with more than 120 students (aged 15-18) participating.

REACH uses a yearlong program model which includes after-school sessions for knowledge and skills development, weekend sessions for specialty trainings/certifications, and work/volunteer experience practicums in after-school and Spring break programming run by the school district and YMCA.

Participants gain the following trainings and certifications at no cost: High Five – Recreation Programming, Standard First Aid (with CPR-C and AED Training), Fundamental Movement Skills, WorldHost Ambassadors, Food Safe, Public Speaking, Play It Fair. These key certifications, which are usually out of reach due to cost and lack of access, give students the opportunity to seek out and secure employment now and in the future. The program is augmented with instruction in leadership, financial literacy, resume writing and interviewing. REACH removes barriers to employment, helps students to avoid illegal behaviour in search of immediate money, and gives them the necessary skills, confidence and early experience that will form the foundation of a positive future and ongoing employment.

Vulnerable and at risk Grade 11 & 12 students are identified to participate in this program by school based staff.

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