

Business Advisory Boards

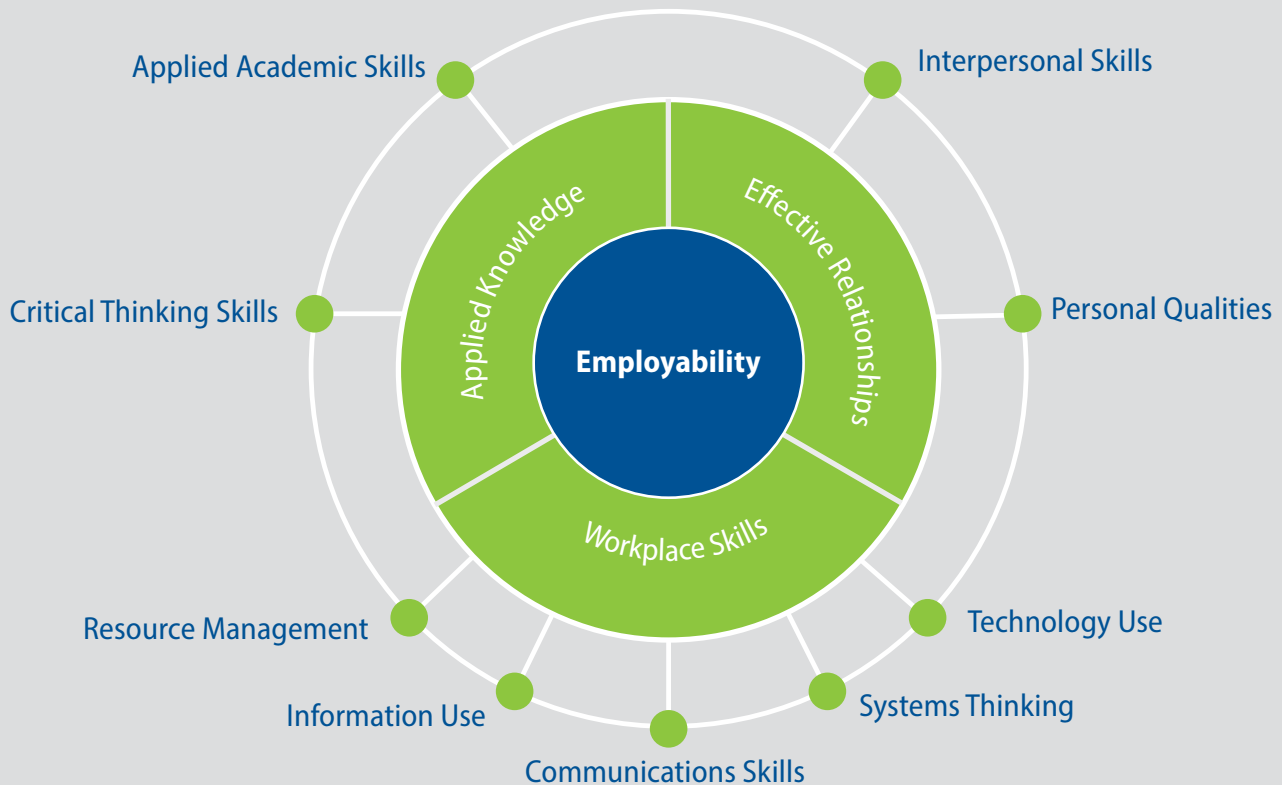


Solving today's toughest workforce challenges—unprecedented technological growth, shifting demographics, and increasing customer sophistication—takes collaboration

among leaders in education, business, and industry.

Business advisory boards can bridge the gap between schools and the business community—and create highly effective, innovative solutions that benefit both schools and the workforce they're developing.

Foundation for Business Advisory Boards: Employability Skills Framework



Spotlight: Rock Hill Schools



A Sustainable Path to School-Industry Partnerships

Challenge: To align work-based learning and career readiness opportunities through the engagement and integration of industry partnerships

Customized Support: Rock Hill Schools engaged RTI International in a strategic planning process for the development of a business

The RTI Center for Education Services leverages industry expertise, staff experience, and research insights to offer customized consulting and strategic planning for schools interested in strengthening ties to their local business community through business advisory boards.

Together, these groups of educators, administrators, and business leaders can establish shared goals and objectives that align to local workforce demands, ensuring that students graduate prepared for post-secondary education and work.

School districts around the nation have turned to RTI to understand best practices, receive individualized needs assessments, and develop frameworks to build highly effective industry partnerships that add value for all stakeholders.

These partnerships can provide students with support and authentic opportunities to learn, apply, and adapt employability

By the Numbers

27

schools

17,500

students

2,400

employees

advisory board through the prioritization and engagement of relevant stakeholders; identification of hallmarks for success; and creation of steering committees for outreach, logistics, and implementation.

Results: A team that included the superintendent, district and school leaders, and career counselors developed a framework for the creation and launch of a district-wide business advisory board with the goal of improving corporate outreach and engagement, offering increased workforce development and career exploration opportunities, and enhancing basic work and soft skills necessary for future ready learning. The planning team considered a work-based learning continuum for district success, articulated specific outcomes aligned with local economic development, formulated a driver diagram to map and organize change initiatives, and created subcommittees to implement and execute the plan.

skills while affiliated businesses benefit from a well-equipped incoming workforce.

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All children deserve a quality education that empowers them to thrive. However, each day educators are faced with new challenges driven by the accelerating pace of change. The need to perceive, understand, and act on emerging trends and practices creates added complexity and can strain capacity. At RTI, we're partnering with educators to change that.

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