

NFTE'S EXPLORING CAREERS PILOT PROGRAM

Attention middle school educators who teach career exploration programs! NFTE invites you to be part of the pilot for our new middle school program, Exploring Careers. This pilot will take place between August 2023 and January 2024.



WHAT IS EXPLORING CAREERS?

The Exploring Careers pilot is a 40-50-hour course designed to be used in both in-school and out-of-school settings for students in grades 6-9, either as a stand-alone course or as modules that can be integrated into other courses that could focus on student interests and planning for the future. The program provides a broad exploration of career opportunities and teaches the essential principles of personal finance, economics, and entrepreneurship, exposing students to the skills and mindset needed to join the future workforce. It also encourages students to reflect on their authentic selves and where they envision those selves in the future. Ideal class sizes would be larger than 15 and smaller than 30.

WHAT WILL NFTE REQUIRE?

NFTE provides the program for free to all participants. In exchange, pilot teachers will:

- Attend a 1-hour kickoff and training session in early summer of 2023
- Attend monthly cohort calls to provide feedback and ask questions
- Administer NFTE's Pre- and Post-EMI Surveys, as well as diagnostic and summative assessments to students
- Complete the 25 lessons with accompanying lab sessions from start to finish
- Complete a feedback survey at the end of the pilot about their program experience
- Submit snapshots of the final student showcase

WHAT TECHNOLOGY DO I NEED?

- The Exploring Careers pilot is designed to be teacher-led with interactive digital lessons and assignments
- Access to NFTE's Canvas Learning Management System (LMS)
- A computer for each student for most class sessions (though low-tech activity options are available)

WHAT WILL NFTE PROVIDE PILOT TEACHERS?

- Access to the Exploring Careers digital lessons and labs
- Instructional PowerPoint decks
- One copy NFTE's Exploring Careers, Teacher Edition and several student editions for reference
- 1-hour training kickoff
- Monthly cohort calls
- Ongoing NFTE pilot staff support and tech support to answer questions
- A small stipend for participation

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Please reach out to your NFTE regional program staff no later than Friday, March 3, 2023
- NFTE will contact you by Friday, March 17, 2023, to confirm approval of your registration
- Only 20 classes are eligible, so apply as soon as possible