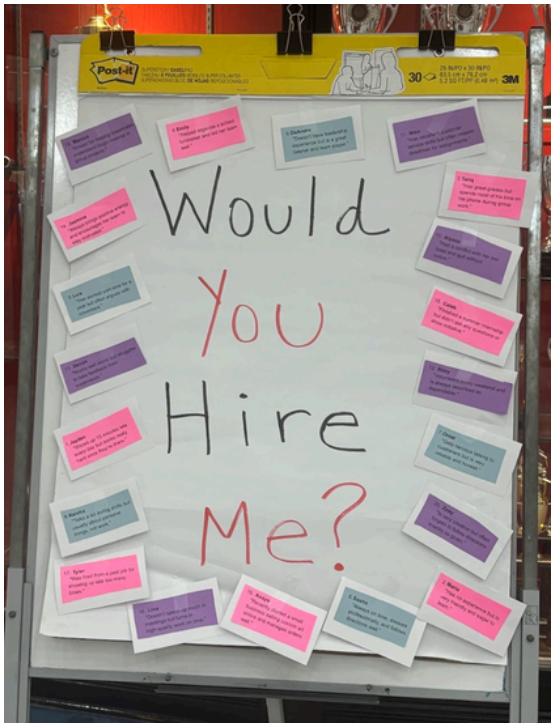
The Spark
Teacher Tap In

Would you hire me?

Crystal Sanford, SCHS, has put together a fantastic series of Lunch & Learn games. One of the series included providing students with short scenarios and the students decided if they would hire that person or not. What a great way to facilitate employability conversations with students!

This activity has been loaded in The Hub for you to use at your school.



Keeping it Real



Matt Smith, Construction teacher WGHS, is keeping it real in his classroom. Before students can dive into fun, hands-on lab projects, they first complete real-world tasks like writing résumés, filling out job applications, and participating in mock interviews. Just like in the workforce, students must "get hired" before getting to work. Mr. Smith's approach not only makes learning fun but also helps students gain valuable career skills they'll use long after graduation.

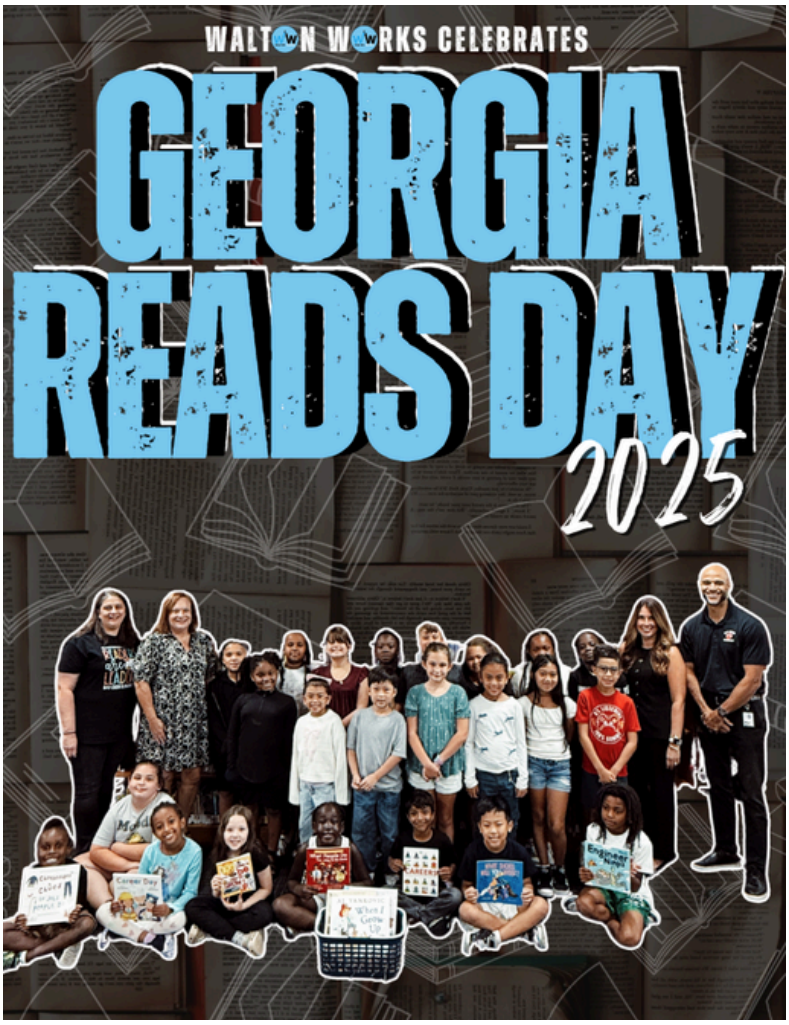
Career Expo





Astemo Mobility Beyond
CATERPILLAR
Monroe
HENDERSON FAB
HiTech Utility Construction
CLAYCO
ERSNELL
JB STEEL ERECTORS
Leggett & Platt INCORPORATED
NUCOR
Piedmont WALTON
PLATEAU EXCAVATION, INC.
RIVIAN
TUCKER DOOR & TRIM, LLC
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Georgia Reads Day



> According to the governor's office, every dollar invested in literacy programs returns $30 to the community in the form of reduced recidivism, better public health, engaged parents, and knowledgeable workers.

In celebration of Georgia Reads Day and Workforce Development Month, Walton Works proudly curated and presented Career Awareness Libraries to our elementary schools across Walton County!

These specially selected books open young minds to the world of work, helping students dream big and explore the many career paths available to them.















Industry of the Year



Congratulations to Southern Metalcraft – 2025 Industry of the Year!

🏭 Founded: 1974

📍 Location: Social Circle, GA

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Ownership: Second-generation, family-owned business

🛠️ Industry: Custom metal fabrication

Types of jobs available:

- welder
- press brake operator
- laser operator
- shop assistant

We're proud to share that Southern Metalcraft, Inc., located in Social Circle, has been named the 2025 Industry of the Year by the Development Authority of Walton County!

This second-generation, family-owned business has been a long-standing supporter of education and workforce development in our community. From job creation to investing in students and schools, SMI exemplifies excellence and commitment to Walton County's future.

They will be officially recognized at the Board of Commissioners meeting tomorrow. We extend our sincere gratitude for all they do to support education and economic growth.

The Return

WWE The Challenge Returns!







Last year was the inaugural year of what became known as the Smackdown, but is really the Walton Works Employability (WWE) Challenge. This was a competition between high schools where points were earned for employability activities such as resume workshops, mock interview bootcamps, attendance at the different events throughout the year, classroom career guest speakers, etc. WE ARE BRINGING IT BACK! The winning school's principal will receive the WWE Challenge belt and the staff will receive a food truck catered by Walton Works.

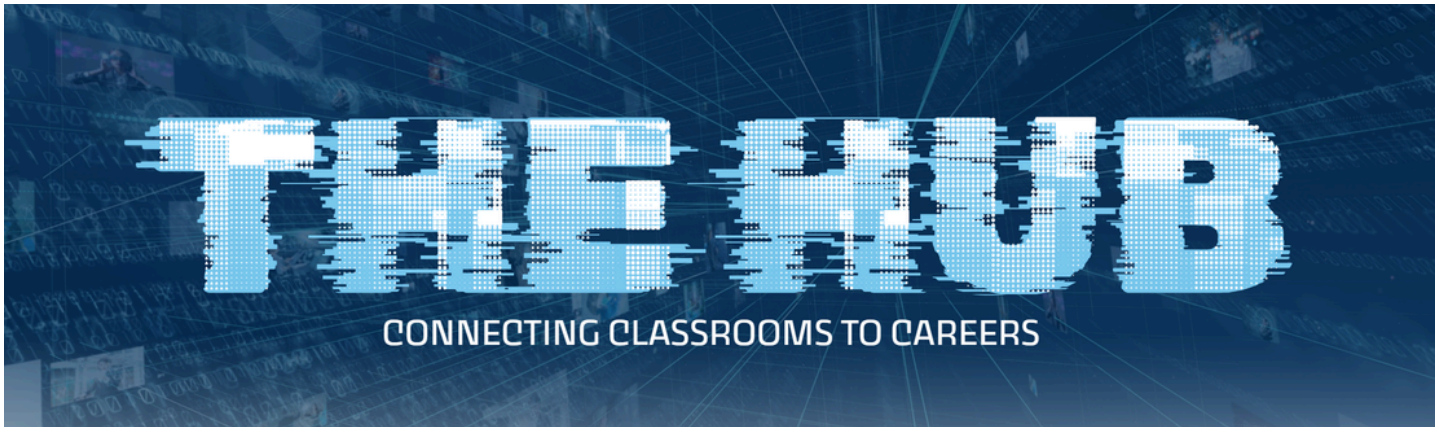
WAYS TO GET POINTS

Have any other ideas? Share them with us for the Commissioner of the Clash to award points!

Newsletters
Juniors & seniors attend Career Connections Expo
Seniors attend Job Fair
Big Hire
Industry/ Career guest speakers
Resume Bootcamp
Mock Interview Event
Employability activities
Employability social media posts
Hall signage (employability/career opportunities)
Class signage (employability/career opportunities)
Morning video announcements commercials
School accounts follow us
Tag us in your social media posts

Email JAMI@CHOOSEWALTON.COM to notify of eligible events for points!

Resource



The HUB is your go-to resource center, offering access to proven school-based activities, upcoming workforce event dates, promotional graphics, logos, and other useful tools to support your student engagement efforts.

Below are the buttons that are located on The Hub as easy resource options:



Do you have something AMAZING that you would love to seen shared?

I bet you would get points for your school!

Email suggestions, projects, lessons, activities, etc. to

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