



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **The event is from 9-1 – do we need to arrive at 9 and stay all day?**

No. It takes about 2-3 hours to complete the event. You should plan to arrive before 12:00 though to ensure your students have time to visit with several different career professionals.

### **What “class” should be going?**

We invite 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders and encourage teachers of any subject to bring students. Career choice spans all the academics (Math. Language arts. Communication, etc.)

### **Can we bring older or younger students?**

To manage the size, we invite 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Schools outside of Albuquerque, and any organizations serving at-risk students (including those who have dropped out of school), are invited to bring older students.

### **Why is the event held on a Saturday?**

There are 4 major reasons...

1. Business volunteers – we strive to provide one-on-one communication with professionals who work in the career fields (not company representatives). We are able to recruit more volunteers during a non-standard workday.
2. Substitutes – teachers do not require substitutes which would be an additional expense for schools
3. Parent involvement – parents are encouraged to attend with their children – a non-standard workday enables more parents to attend
4. Expanding educational opportunities – by providing this opportunity outside of the traditional school day, we expand student learning without taking instructional time during the school day

### **How can I get students to come on a Saturday?**

Offer extra credit. Each student will receive a Passport that can be stamped by career professionals – providing proof of attendance and interaction even if your students come with their families instead of on a school field trip.

Show your students the School to World presentation – let them see what to expect and see other students having a good time.

### **Do we have to attend as a school group?**

No – many schools encourage their students to attend with their parents. There are many advantages to involving parents. If parental involvement is an issue for your community, we encourage you to provide transportation and just bring the students.



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### **Can students' families attend (parents and siblings)?**

Yes – the event welcomes parents and siblings to attend with their 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade children. There is no admission charge and free parking is available at Wells Fargo at 200 Lomas NW.

### **Who sponsors School to World and why?**

A group of business people were looking for ways to improve student education in New Mexico. In partnership with local school districts, they identified a need for students to begin planning their futures in their early teen years. The philosophy is that students with a destination in mind will see more relevancy in the curriculum and will more likely graduate from high school. It is difficult for schools to put on career fairs and difficult for business people to attend several fairs within a school year. School to World provides an opportunity for students to visit with over 150 different career professionals and begin to form some ideas about what awaits them as they proceed from school to world.

### **Where else can I find out information about School to World?**

Check out the website at <http://www.schooltoworld.org>