



**ACADEMIES
OF SHAKOPEE**

Through the Shakopee CAPS program, I have worked with a variety of community partners. Some examples from my classroom include guest speakers, authentic client projects or curriculum development. I have seen what it does for our students. I have seen an increase in student motivation and engagement.

The ability to connect with our community partners and industry councils has allowed us to develop more authentic and relevant curriculum to the world around us. Students begin to see the connections between school and the workplace.

We have the opportunity to address the big questions like, “when will we ever need to know this?”

In my CAPS Healthcare and Medicine course, students are enrolled in a medical terminology course and every single healthcare professional that we interacted with either used medical language in working with the students or emphasized the importance of knowing medical language in the profession. The students witness the relevance of content first hand. It’s just one of many examples we will have as we work toward the Academies of Shakopee – making school more relevant than ever.



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