



## Get Ready for the 2025 8th Grade College & Career Fair!

### November is College & Career Readiness Month — And We're Kicking It Off Big!

We are excited to share some exciting updates for this year's 8th Grade College & Career Fair, an event that aligns perfectly with our mission to equip every student with the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to succeed in high school, college, career, and life.

This year, Rapid City Area Schools is proud to partner with Black Hills Home Builders to expand this incredible opportunity for students across our region.

### What's New and Exciting for 2025?

#### Now a Two-Day Event – Bigger and Better!

You spoke, and we listened! With nearly 90% of vendors requesting more student engagement, we're thrilled to announce the **8th Grade College & Career Fair is expanding to TWO full days, Wednesday & Thursday, November 12 & 13, 2025!**

This exciting change means we can now welcome 8th grade students from across Western South Dakota, not just RCAS. That's double the days, double the impact, and double the opportunity to inspire future leaders and showcase incredible career pathways!

#### Lunchtime News

To keep things affordable and maintain current sponsorship levels, lunch will no longer be included with registration. But don't worry, The Monument's food court will be open and ready with plenty of tasty options for purchase each day.

### Ways to Get Involved

- Host an interactive and hands-on booth
- Sponsor the event to support student engagement
- Donate swag, treats, prizes, or giveaways for students
- Connect with over 1,200 8th grade students

### Register Here by September 12, 2025:

<https://forms.office.com/r/xQQDQ7L5JD>

### Event Details:

#### Where:

Rushmore Hall at The Monument, 444 Mt. Rushmore Road, Rapid City, SD 57701

#### When:

- **Setup:** Tuesday, November 11 from 1:00-4:00 PM **OR** Wednesday, November 12 from 7:00–8:00 AM
- **Welcome & Vendor Meeting:** 8:00 AM
- **Fair Hours:** 8:30 AM–2:30 PM (students will rotate in scheduled shifts)

## Who Should Participate?

Local businesses, organizations, and post-secondary institutions that want **to inspire, educate, and connect** with 8th grade students as they explore college and career pathways.

## Why It Matters:

This event provides students with:

- Direct exposure to a wide variety of career fields and college opportunities
- Inspiration to stay on track with their goals
- A fun, hands-on experience that builds early professional networks

Students love booths with interactive elements and free goodies, so feel free to bring promotional items, treats, or snacks!

We can't wait to partner with you for this engaging and impactful event! Questions? Reach out anytime. Let's make this the best College & Career Fair yet!

**Don't forget to sign up by September 12!**

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Sponsorship Level	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Vendor
Amount	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$50
Booth at Event	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Booth Size	20 x 20 <i>prime location</i>	10 x 20	10 x 10	10 x 10	10 x 10
Sponsor Sign for Booth	X	X	X	X	
Logo on Letter Sent to All 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Families	X	X	X		
Advertising Mentions	X	X			
Logo on Student's Backpacks	X				

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