



# CareerConnect Mentorship Opportunities

## CareerXplore, Coach, & Apprenticeship Programs

JFK's CareerConnect Programs have increased participation by 50% (from 25% in 2017 to 75% in 2020).

### Xplore Program

JFK partners with local organizations to offer our freshman students in the engineering, business, and med pathways opportunities to experience real world connections. These are monthly job site visits of 3-4 hours during the school day in which students learn about a company, job shadow professionals, engage in hands-on activities, take a tour, and enjoy a networking lunch. The goal is to provide at least one if not two opportunities per school year to EACH of our freshman. **JFK is the only school that has hosted combined CareerConnect Xplore and Spark events unifying the feeder middle schools and the high school. JFK is also one of only two schools that have partnered Xplore & ACE Connect to make sure students with disabilities are getting the same amount of equity in Xplore events.**

### Coach Program

This mentoring program targets three cohorts of students who are matched with a 1-on-1 mentor in the pathway of their choice (engineering or business). These students have the opportunity to attend a monthly 3-4 hour conference alongside their mentor. **JFK's own Regional Coordinator, Angelique Sanchez-Hutman, developed a Spanish speaking Coach cohort in order to serve our ELL student population. Currently, JFK is the only school in the district that has a Spanish CareerConnect Coach mentoring cohort.**

### Youth Apprenticeship Program

In partnership with CareerWise Colorado, the DPS CareerConnect Youth Apprenticeship program is a three-year program in which students get paid to work for a successful company and earn free college credit while finishing high school. In the 2018/2019 school year, JFK became 1 of 17 schools in DPS to offer the Apprenticeship Program at their school. **Out of the 25 DPS students that accepted apprenticeship offers, 9 of them were from JFK.**

In the 2019/2020 school year, JFK apprentices have been selected to participate in several special opportunities including speaking on a panel for the School Superintendents Association (AASA), a panel at the Governor's Mansion, a brunch meeting with Mayor Hancock, and a presentation at Chase with CEO Jamie Dimon (seen below).

