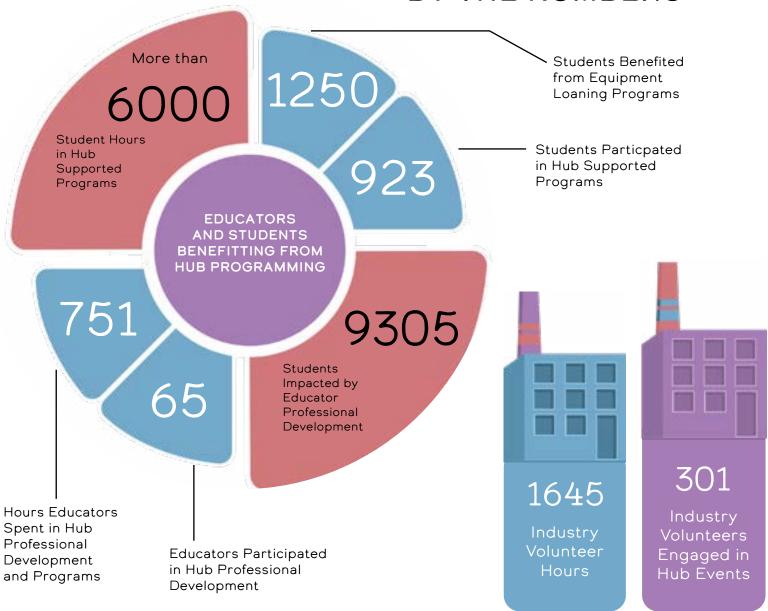




MID-VALLEY STEM-CTE HUB IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



THE HUB OF REGIONAL EDUCATION



The Mid-Valley STEM-CTE Hub connects educators and students to industry leaders, creating pathways for student success and economic growth in the Linn-Benton community.

2024 - 25 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Educator Externships

In summer 2025, 22 educators from Linn and Benton counties stepped outside their classrooms and into local industries through MVSCH's Educator Externship Program — a multi-day professional development experience designed to connect teaching with the real-world skills students need. Through site visits, networking with industry professionals, and collaborative lesson planning, participants gained fresh perspectives and practical tools to bring career-connected learning into their classrooms.

Educators visited regional partners including Hewlett-Packard, NW Natural, Videx, and the City of Albany Public Works. Across 20+ hours of paid professional development, they explored career pathways in tech, engineering, environmental sciences, and public service. On the final day, participants worked together to integrate what they learned into new lesson plans, ensuring students benefit directly.

"I appreciated all of the real-world, interactive learning opportunities — they gave me fresh ideas and motivation for the school year ahead," one participant shared.

By linking educators with local industries, the Externship Program helps teachers inspire students with real-world examples while strengthening connections between education and workforce development across the region.



Educator Lending Library

The Educator Lending Library — one of MVSCH's flagship programs — expands equitable access to hands-on STEAM learning opportunities for students across Linn and Benton counties. With a curated collection of over 100 unique kits, the library empowers K-12 public school educators to integrate applied, experiential learning into their classrooms, helping students make meaningful connections between learning, play, problemsolving, and future career pathways.

The collection includes engaging resources designed to spark curiosity, foster creativity, and build confidence while supporting academic success across science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Beyond strengthening math and science proficiency, these hands-on learning experiences also help students develop essential employability skills — including teamwork, communication, and collaboration — while supporting social-emotional growth through cooperative exploration and play.

In the 2024-25 school year, in partnership with the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD, the Educator Lending Library helped 1250 students engage with high-quality STEAM resources and access career-connected learning experiences that prepare them for success beyond the classroom. Educators can easily browse our online catalog, reserve kits, and receive instructional support to seamlessly bring these engaging tools into their teaching. By removing barriers to resources and creating opportunities for interactive, student-driven exploration, the Lending Library ensures that every learner has access to hands-on experiences that inspire curiosity, confidence, and connection.

Outreach and Engagement

MVSCH believes that supporting students means supporting the entire ecosystem around them.

Our mission is to strengthen education and workforce opportunities across Linn and Benton counties by working in partnership with schools, community organizations, industry leaders, and families.

By collaborating with our partners, we can extend our collective impact — creating opportunities for students and families in underserved communities, advancing programs that prepare learners for the workforce, and supporting both new and experienced educators, support staff, and local industries. Together, we serve as a connector for the region's education and workforce development ecosystem, building relationships and pathways that lead to shared success.

In the 2024-25 school year, MVSCH worked alongside an incredible network of partners to create new opportunities for students, educators, and families. Collaborations with Linn-Benton Community College's Career Technical Education programs and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion initiatives helped strengthen pathways that connect education to local workforce needs.

Together, we supported impactful programs and events — including the Albany Chamber of Commerce's Youth Leadership Program, Manufacturing Career Day, and the Latine Youth Leadership Conference — providing students with opportunities to explore careers, build leadership skills, and engage in meaningful real-world learning and events.

Partnerships and coalition building remain at the heart of our work. Together with the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD and Grow Your Own programs, we are strengthening the region's teacher pipeline by supporting aspiring educators and collaborating with districts like Lebanon Community School District. Through our partnership with Casa Latinos Unidos, we established a STEAM Library at Colonia Paz, providing families in this affordable housing community with hands-on learning resources outside of school. Our work with College Hill High School and LB-CC's Extended Learning Department expands career exploration and connects students to critical supports, including postsecondary pathways and equitable access to driver's education.



The MILL

Maker & Innovation Learning Lab

This year, The MILL underwent a full overhaul to better serve as a hub for invention, creativity, and educator-led innovation. We refreshed and reorganized the space to improve functionality and access, upgrading tools, signage, and workstations to support everything from rapid prototyping and woodworking to podcasting and screen printing.

In the year ahead, we're excited to launch The MILL Cooperative—a pilot membership program that invites educators to use the space in exchange for skill-sharing, project contributions, and collaboration. This new model builds on our commitment to sustainability and educator empowerment, and we can't wait to see what grows from it.



Our Funders and Partners

Thank you for supporting our work in fostering high-qualty STEAM educations to all students in Linn and Benton Counties.























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