

Allied Programs



WHAT

The Fort Meade Alliance participates in several existing initiatives and programs by providing guidance, identifying mentors and facilitators, staffing advisory boards and facilitating connections between educators, students, transitioning military and industry leaders.

INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

- ★ Girls Who Code
- ★ Ripken Foundation STEM Centers
- ★ Military Corps Career Connect (MC3)
- ★ AACPS STEAM Engine Grant Program
- ★ Education and Resiliency Center
- ★ Tapestry Grant
- ★ Meade Cyber Lab

WHY

The missions of Fort Meade require a technically-skilled workforce with appropriate training and experience. Some estimate that as much as half the current local student population has the aptitude needed for careers in computer science, cyber, engineering and other STEM fields, but only 10% of these students pursue them. A large variety of efforts are necessary to engage elementary through college students in STEM education, with the goal of inspiring those students to pursue critical careers in the region. To ensure a strong pool of talented workers for current and future positions, parallel efforts are needed to help guide transitioning service members to those careers and to fill any gaps in their training and experience.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ★ Ensure students develop experience alongside coursework by providing a problem faced by your company and becoming a mentor for students who take on the challenge of tackling it.
- ★ Sign up to coach students participating in the national Girls Who Code program.
- ★ Serve as a member of an advisory board to help ensure those who work with students regularly (teachers, parents, guidance counselors, etc.) have the information they need to help students prepare for careers in STEM fields.
- ★ Provide a letter of support for grant proposals to secure funding for expansion of existing programs and/or additional initiatives.
- ★ Provide a donation to our Education and Workforce fund that will help us engage in more direct and indirect programming to support the region's workforce needs.



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