

# FAQs For Eastern CT Educators

Explore Manufacturing Expo: A Stop on Manufacturing Roadshow '24

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 9 AM - 12 PM

Dodd Stadium, Norwich, CT



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**Q: What is the purpose of this event?**

A: This event is designed to raise awareness of, and interest in, the broad career opportunities in Connecticut manufacturing. The expo – a stop along the [Manufacturing Roadshow '24](#) series that was kicked off by the 11.2.22 ACM Future Workforce Opportunities Fair – is planned to help Connecticut students understand these opportunities while simultaneously assisting manufacturers interested in building much-needed talent pipelines.

**Q: Why should I bring my students to this event?**

A: Manufacturing isn't what it was a generation ago; it's lean, clean, and green, and driven by tech. There are over 4,000 manufacturers in CT, employing more than 160,000 workers. Manufacturing jobs pay well above the average salary statewide, but that is not widely known. The *Explore Manufacturing Expo* will introduce these key elements of manufacturing careers to *your* students, and regional manufacturers will demonstrate and describe the products they make, the various job opportunities and career pathways they offer, and the education/training/skills and abilities needed for those jobs. Students attending previous Roadshow events have delighted in the use of virtual reality, robotics, 3D printing, and hands-on precision measurement activities.

**Q: Is this a job fair?**

A: This is a career awareness event, not a job fair; however, students who are job-ready are encouraged to bring resumes.

**Q: Which students should I bring?**

A: This is an opportunity for students already taking manufacturing courses to meet local manufacturers and learn more about career opportunities in their area. It's also an opportunity to expose younger, undecided students, or those in business, engineering, or related CTE pathways, to the vast opportunities in the manufacturing industry. These include CNC machining, quality inspection, welding and engineering, as well as operations, sales, human resources, accounting, and software development – just to name a few!

**Q: Is transportation provided?**

A: Schools are responsible for providing their own bus transportation. Free on-site parking is available. Contact Angela Adams at [angelaadams@norwichchamber.com](mailto:angelaadams@norwichchamber.com) if transportation is an issue for your school district.

