

Welcome to District 214's

# Discover I.T. Program

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## *Program Overview*

### *What is Discover I.T.?*

- The Discover I.T. (Information Technology) Program is funded by the DEI Grant. DEI stands for the Disability Employment Initiative
- DEI is a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that focuses on Employment and Training
- The DEI Grant focuses on the Information Technology (I.T.) Pathway

### *Who is invited?*

- Students with :
  - A current IEP or Section 504 Plan
- Students that have demonstrated interest in the I.T. careers which can be shown by:
  - Student self-identified interest in the I.T. Career Pathway
  - Past or current participation in a D214 I.T. course
  - Vocational Evaluation
  - IEP Transition Plan

### *How do we support our students?*

- Additional support and targeted invitations to **career-related Exploration Activities**
  - IT Career Night, IT Career Treks (Field Trips), Job shadows
- Access **to IT Exploration Tools**
  - Discover IT Schoology course, Career Cruising, Naviance
- **Course registration planning** aligned with IT Career Pathways
  - Earn I.T. industry certifications prior to graduating high school
- **Career Readiness Training**
  - Assistance with soft skills, resume building, and interviewing skills by appointment
- Seamless **transition to post-secondary services**
  - Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), Harper College, Business and Career Services

### *What do students need to do to register?*

- Student Registration
- Parent Consent/Release
- Copy of signed Social Security Card if student is over 18



1. Open Schoolology App
2. Join a course

A screenshot of a mobile application dialog box titled 'Join a Course'. It features a dark header with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the header, the text 'Access Code: =' is followed by a white rectangular input field with a blue border. At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: a red 'Join' button and a grey 'Cancel' button.

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### Career Exploration

- Career Exploration
  - Career Cruising (website in schoology)
  - Naviance (website in schoology)
  - DoL Bureau of Labor Statistics (website in schoology)
  - Career of the Week (schoology)
- Supported, One-on One Career Advising
  - Make an appointment with your Discover I.T. Advisor through email.
- Meet IT Professionals
  - Check Schoology for upcoming Career Events
- Visit IT Companies
  - Check Schoology for upcoming Career Events

### College Exploration

- College Exploration
  - Career Cruising (website in schoology)
  - BigFuture College Board (website in schoology)
  - Check Schoology for college resources and upcoming events
- Supported College Exploration
  - Make an appointment with your Discover I.T. Advisor through email

### Skill Development

- D214 IT Pathway Course planning
  - See your counselor
- Register for D214 IT Pathway Courses
  - See your counselor to register
- Free online IT Practice (code.com etc.)
  - Check Schoology under 'IT Practice'
- Free seminars
  - Check Schoology for upcoming events

### Job training and Career Readiness

Make an appointment with a Discover I.T. Advisor through email to access:

- Conover Courses
  - Job Readiness
  - Job Seeking
  - Job Keeping
- Skills to Pay the Bills
- Career Cruising
  - Resume Building
- Job Search Practice
- Interview Training and Mock Interviews
- Job Shadow

### Post-Secondary Transition

Make an appointment with Business and Career Services:

Pepper Curington

Disability Services Manager

723 W Algonquin Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

[\(847\) 437-9995](tel:8474379995)

[pcurington@bcsillinois.org](mailto:pcurington@bcsillinois.org)

To access the following:

- Free employment services
- Free Job Training opportunities
- College Tuition Assistance
- More...

### Events

- Engineering & Industrial Technology/Business & Computers
  - Wed, Oct 18, 2017
  - RMHS
- Field Trips
  - Six Flags Data Center
  - Wed, Oct 25, 2017
  - Check Schoology for upcoming events
- Guest Speakers
  - Check Schoology for upcoming events
- Job Shadows
  - Tue November 7, 2017
  - Check Schoology for upcoming events

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