

izzit *HERE*: The Mobile Teaching Vehicle

A Unique, Remote Learning Approach Integrating Community Resources

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izzit.org VP of Education Dean Graziano demonstrates a previous mobile classroom RV he developed for New Hampshire to introduce career opportunities to students.

izzit.org® will bring a mobile classroom called *izzit HERE* to Western Pennsylvania schools to introduce Career & Technical Education (CTE) opportunities with community partners.

The wheels started rolling with an SPN grant Dean Graziano applied for, based on a previous idea he developed for the state of New Hampshire.

izzit HERE will provide an introduction to 16 CTE clusters (such as culinary arts, automotive technology, health sciences, construction, and business education). We will partner with schools and local trade associations to present in-person examples of their trades.

This mobile classroom literally provides a vehicle for students to gain hands-on access to CTE

education. *izzit HERE* will heighten awareness for CTE programs and careers in the trades to students who may not be considering a 4-year college degree as a post-secondary career path.

For example, a culinary arts educator can invite students into the kitchen area for a live demonstration. The kitchen is equipped with a camera linked to a big-screen television display outside the RV so other prospective students can see what's happening inside the RV.

An automotive tech instructor can lift the hood on the vehicle to show prospective students modern engine troubleshooting. A health sciences instructor can bring a blood pressure cuff and other non-invasive medical equipment to demonstrate basic skills.

The RV is equipped with a working office to conduct mock interviews (or actual job interviews, in the case of a restaurateur who might participate from a local community) and a technology center with multiple laptop stations. The laptop stations can be pre-programmed with video content on each of the CTE clusters or can be used by students to enroll in CTE classes with on-site registration.

izzit.org will work with 17 CTE Centers in Southwest Pennsylvania and 10 CTE Centers in Northwest Pennsylvania to plan one-day visits to as many school districts as possible during each school year.

izzit.org believes CTE students may be more receptive to messages of self-reliance, personal responsibility, and economic freedom. We intend to introduce these topics to students through our new Career Readiness curriculum, **Workforce Innovation Now**.



New Hampshire culinary students perform a live demonstration for state legislators watching outside the RV, via cameras and big-screen displays.



Mockup of the *izzit HERE* mobile classroom RV taken from a design by Dean Graziano, NH DOE.

izzit.org's **Workforce Innovation Now** Program (W.I.N.)

Career Readiness is a required course for CTE students and izzit.org will be rolling out a new course curriculum to introduce to CTE instructors as part of our *izzit HERE* outreach. The W.I.N. program developed by Dean Graziano places emphasis on employability skills and builds on a strong foundation of financial literacy and work-based learning as key elements toward success.

Unlike a course that may be a PowerPoint or a video lecture, izzit.org's W.I.N. program provides

a combination of video-based learning and live instruction. Working with community partners, students will participate in mock interviews and work with a mentor on resume writing, cover letter preparation, and interviewing skills. Our program empowers students to demonstrate mastery of competencies and employability skills necessary for a successful post-high school career, with a further understanding that financial literacy leads to greater personal and economic freedom. Every student can win with izzit.org's **Workforce Innovation Now** program.