

TBAISD Career Tech Students Get Hands On Experience From Team Elmer's

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Students stepped out of the classroom to get a look into the construction industry with Team Elmer's

Students in Traverse City got a hands on experience in the construction industry on Friday.

Team Elmer's brought in everything Traverse Bay Intermediate School District Career Tech students needed to learn about all the different options they have in the construction field.

TBAISD's Career Tech Center is always making sure their students have the tools for a successful career and Friday was no different with help from Team Elmer's.

"We have six divisions that are represented," said Team Elmer's communications director Tonya Wildfong. "We have asphalt, excavation, concrete, cranes and rigging, we also have trucking and mechanics."

Nearly 300 students participated from making concrete to operating an excavator.

"It's difficult to get out on the actual physical sites because of safety issues and things like that so to bring it here, in a controlled environment, makes for a great situation that they can come out and see put their hands on a lot of the stuff that they would actually have out in the industry," said construction instructor Thomas Sensabaugh.

"It's very important just not knowing what you want to do after high school, getting to come here and see what it is first hand," said senior Michael Laracey. "I think it will make a lot of decisions for people and what they want to do after high school."

With potential to fill the 9,000 open jobs in Michigan in the construction industry.

“It’s amazing the amount of talent that’s here and it’s great to see the interest and the curiosity,” said Wildfong. “So we just like to feed that and help steer that.”

“It’s a great profession to get into especially Elmer’s, who’s great with all their employees,” said Laracey.