



Tips for classroom speakers

1. Ask what the expectations and goals are for your presentation. They might include:
 - a. Sharing career information including salary range—both beginning and later.
 - b. Talking about how work in the classroom relates to your career
 - c. Talking about workplace skills and expectations
 - d. Talking about your personal career journey including roadblocks
2. If the goals for the class are not a good fit for you, let the teacher know. Maybe you can recommend a colleague who can best meet the class' needs.
3. Do any special needs in the classroom exist that you need to be aware of.
4. Get the students engaged by
 - a. Asking questions
 - b. Leading them through an activity
 - c. Sharing items from your workplace
 - d. Wearing your typical work wardrobe
 - e. Sharing information about your experiences in school
5. Plan to arrive about 10-15 minutes before your presentation and bring an ID. Most schools will require that you check in before you go to the classroom.
6. You are visiting the class to speak. If disciplinary issues arise, it's ok to step back and wait until the teacher has a chance to bring the classroom back to attention.

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