

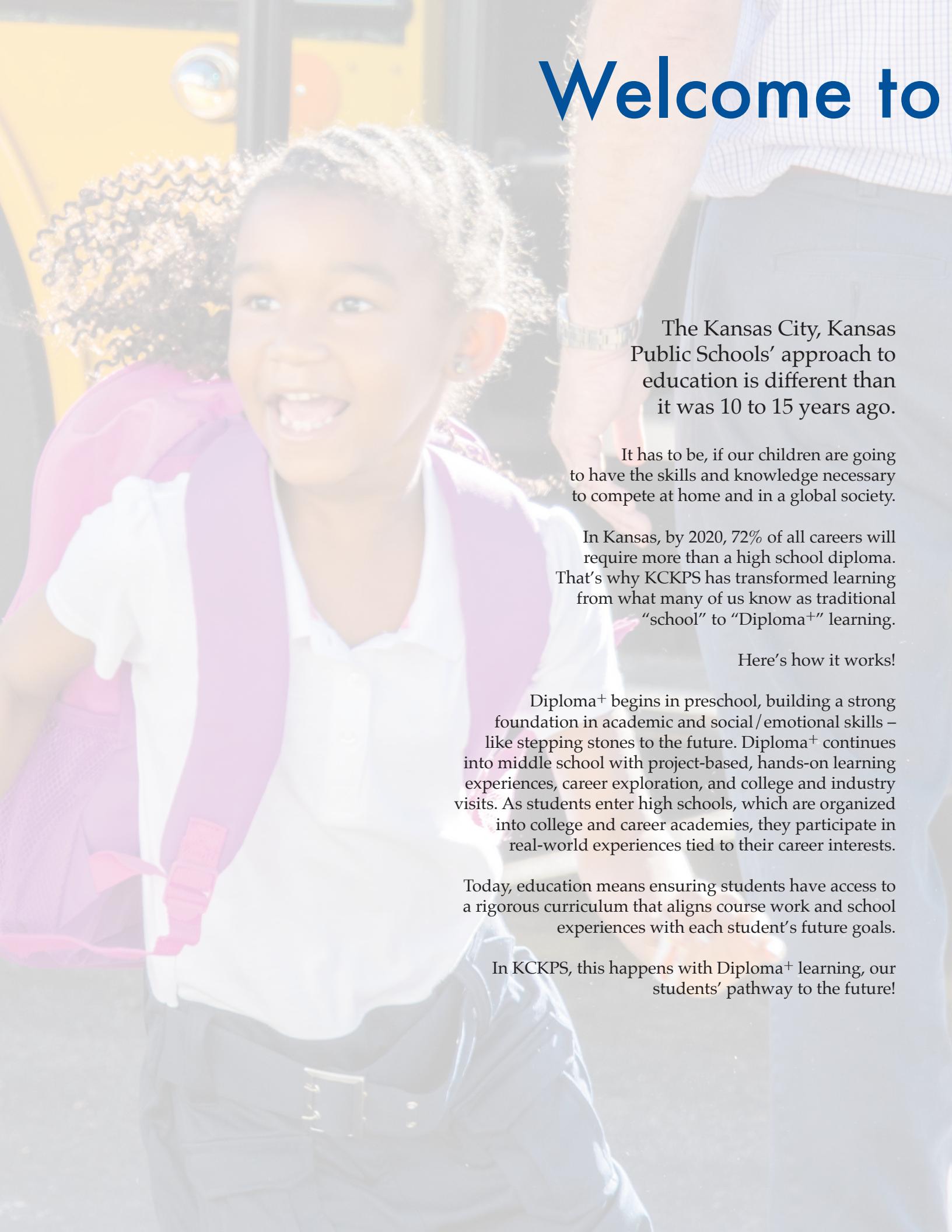


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# DIPLOMA



# Welcome to

A black and white photograph of a diverse group of students, including African American boys and girls, smiling and laughing together. They are wearing school uniforms, including a pink jacket and a blue shirt. The background is slightly blurred.

The Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools' approach to education is different than it was 10 to 15 years ago.

It has to be, if our children are going to have the skills and knowledge necessary to compete at home and in a global society.

In Kansas, by 2020, 72% of all careers will require more than a high school diploma. That's why KCKPS has transformed learning from what many of us know as traditional "school" to "Diploma+" learning.

Here's how it works!

Diploma+ begins in preschool, building a strong foundation in academic and social/emotional skills – like stepping stones to the future. Diploma+ continues into middle school with project-based, hands-on learning experiences, career exploration, and college and industry visits. As students enter high schools, which are organized into college and career academies, they participate in real-world experiences tied to their career interests.

Today, education means ensuring students have access to a rigorous curriculum that aligns course work and school experiences with each student's future goals.

In KCKPS, this happens with Diploma+ learning, our students' pathway to the future!

# the Future.

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# DIPLOMA<sup>®</sup>

In order to prepare our students for success in a global society, Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools is implementing a district-wide initiative called **Diploma<sup>+</sup>**.

The goal of **Diploma<sup>+</sup>** is for each student to graduate with a high school diploma, plus one of the following seven endorsements:



Completion of at least one full year of college  
(18-30 Credit Hours)



Completion of an Industry-Recognized Certificate  
or Credential



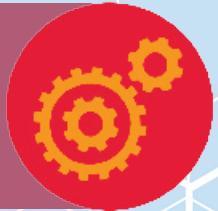
At Least 21 on the ACT or 1060 on the SAT



Completion of the IB Diploma Programme  
or Career-Related Programme



Acceptance into the Military



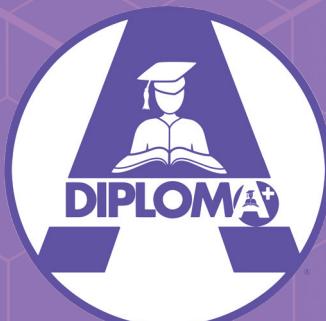
Completion of a Qualified Internship  
or Industry-Approved Project



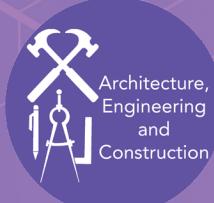
An Approved Plan for Post-Secondary Transition

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# DIPLOMA ACADEMIES



J.C. HARMON ACADEMIES



CIVIL ENGINEERING  
& ARCHITECTURE

GEOSPATIAL  
TECHNOLOGY



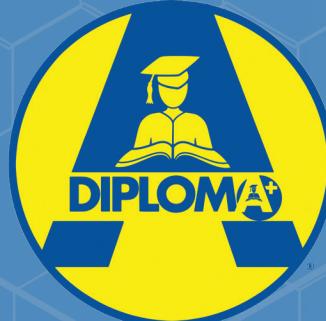
FINANCIAL PLANNING

GAME & SIMULATION  
DESIGN



SPORTS MEDICINE /  
EXERCISE SCIENCE

TEACHING AS A  
PROFESSION



F.L. SCHLAGLE ACADEMIES



ENGINEERING

MARKETING

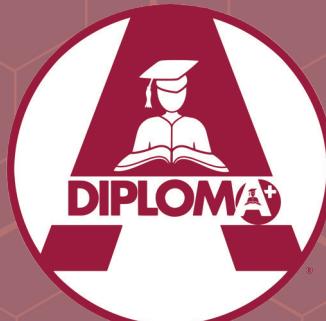
DIGITAL  
COMMUNICATIONS &  
MULTIMEDIA



HEALTH INFORMATICS

SOCIAL SERVICES

PRE-LAW



WASHINGTON ACADEMIES



MARKETING  
MANAGEMENT

BUSINESS  
FINANCE



ANIMAL SCIENCE  
& INDUSTRY

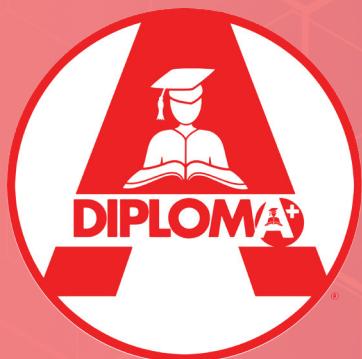
TEACHING AS A  
PROFESSION



MANUFACTURING

PROGRAMMING  
& SOFTWARE  
DEVELOPMENT

The **Diploma+ Academies** provide our students with real-world experiences tied to their career interests. Each high school offers different career paths for students to choose from as they embark on their journey to graduating Diploma+.



**WYANDOTTE ACADEMIES**



EVENT PLANNING  
LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY



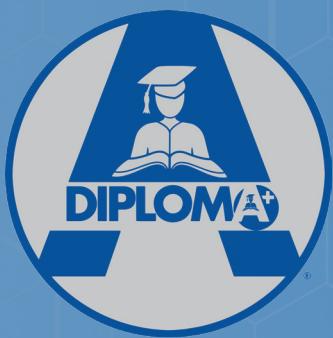
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
NURSING



ENGINEERING  
CONSTRUCTION & ARCHITECTURE



VIDEO DESIGN AND PRODUCTION  
GRAPHICS AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION



**SUMNER ACADEMIES**

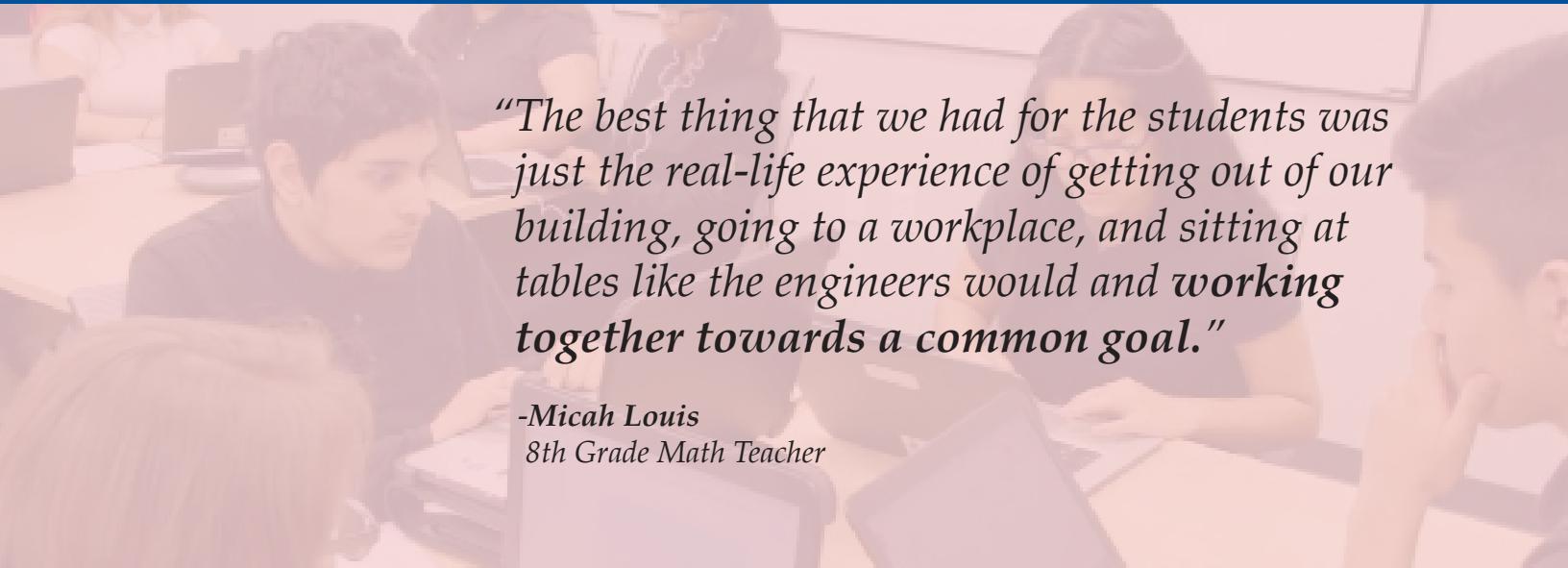


FULL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA



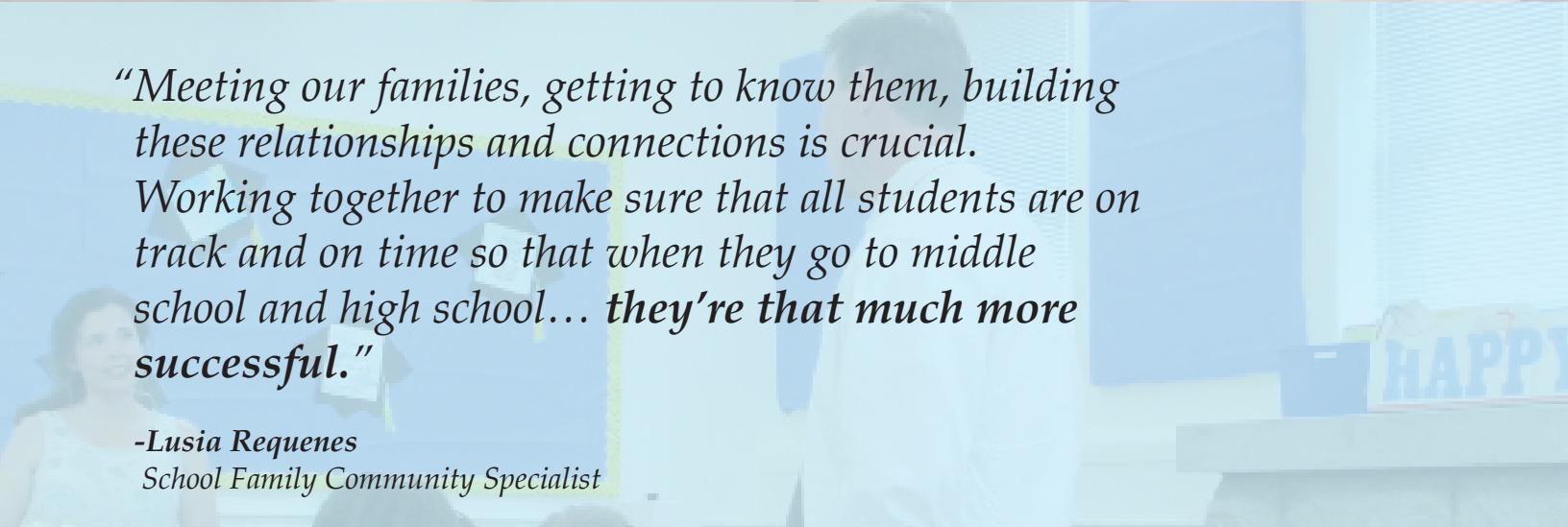
ARCHITECTURE

# DIPLOMA+ STORIES



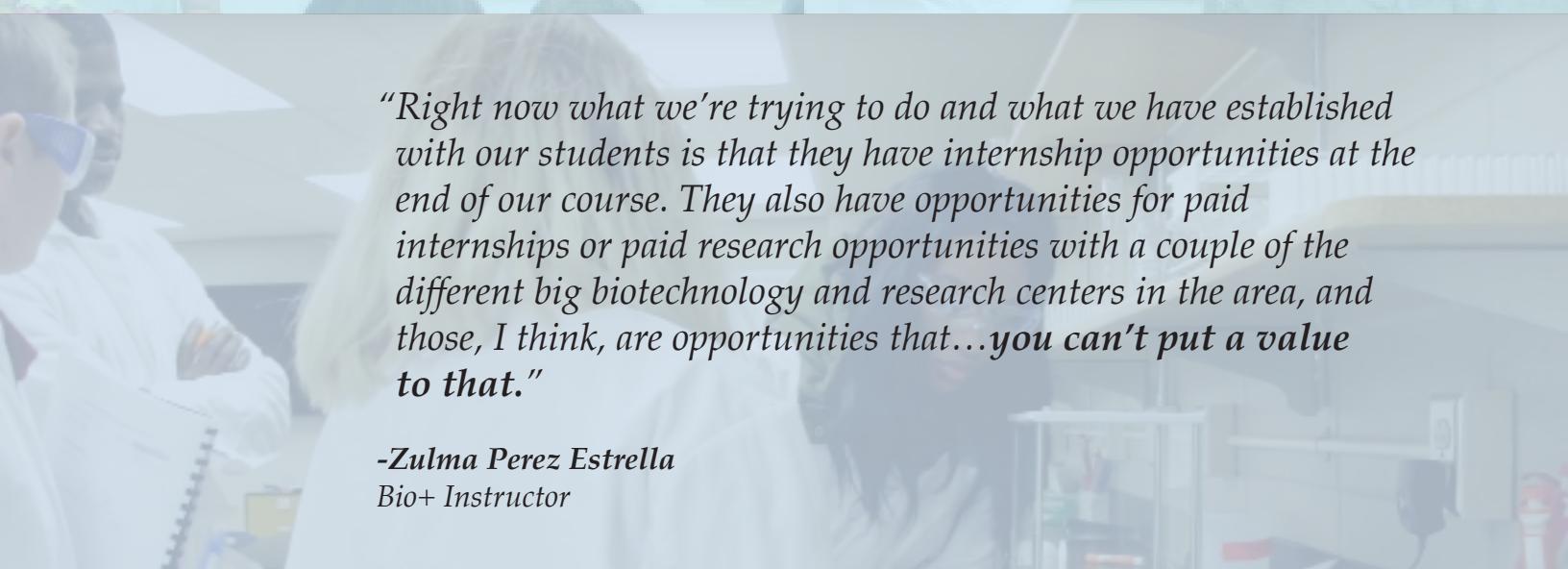
*"The best thing that we had for the students was just the real-life experience of getting out of our building, going to a workplace, and sitting at tables like the engineers would and working together towards a common goal."*

*-Micah Louis  
8th Grade Math Teacher*



*"Meeting our families, getting to know them, building these relationships and connections is crucial. Working together to make sure that all students are on track and on time so that when they go to middle school and high school... they're that much more successful."*

*-Lusia Requenes  
School Family Community Specialist*



*"Right now what we're trying to do and what we have established with our students is that they have internship opportunities at the end of our course. They also have opportunities for paid internships or paid research opportunities with a couple of the different big biotechnology and research centers in the area, and those, I think, are opportunities that...you can't put a value to that."*

*-Zulma Perez Estrella  
Bio+ Instructor*

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# DIPLOMA<sup>+</sup>

DASHBOARD



**Track your progress. Track your future.**

Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools has implemented an online system for tracking academic progress, setting goals, and keeping students on the pathway to graduating Diploma+.



To access the Diploma+ Dashboard, visit  
**[diplomaplus.kckps.org](http://diplomaplus.kckps.org)**

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