



HELP LAUNCH FUTURES:

High Schoolers Wanted for Cybersecurity Pathway

*FREE Training and Resources for this
High Demand Field*



WIN-WIN-WIN

Through the Innovation Center's Cybersecurity Pathway, high school students can be fully trained to enter the cybersecurity workforce—all free of charge. High school counselors benefit from having a great option to offer their students, and this high-demand industry benefits with a fresh supply to the workforce. It's a win-win-win!

Cyber-related threats, like fraud and phishing, are a big issue for organizations—they must continuously protect themselves and the people they serve. That's where cybersecurity professionals come in! Companies of all sizes hire cybersecurity professionals across a variety of industries, including:

- E-commerce
- Finance
- Healthcare
- Technology
- Government

TOP 3 REASONS FOR YOUR STUDENTS TO CONSIDER THE CYBERSECURITY PATHWAY:



1. High Pay

The average entry level salary for a cybersecurity job is \$70,000 a year!



2. Free Training

Through our Cybersecurity Pathway, training is FREE!



3. Remote Work Available

Many cybersecurity jobs are available remotely—meaning jobs are available everywhere!

WHY INNOVATION CENTER



Innovation Center provides economic and entrepreneurial assistance to businesses in rural Northwest Kansas, serving 26 counties in the region with a variety of programs. Our Cybersecurity Pathway, is an amazing opportunity to pursue **FREE** training in the cybersecurity industry! This comprehensive, self-paced program spans four to six semesters, ensuring students have ample time to absorb the knowledge and skills needed for a successful cybersecurity career.

We partner with **Grow with Google** and **EnterpriseKC** to bring resources to the region at no cost. The demand for cybersecurity professionals is expected to increase by 35% before 2030, and it is our goal to fill as many of these positions as possible!

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OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

› **Google Cybersecurity Professional Certification** – Paid Internships: Graduates will have the option to pursue a paid internship, funded by the Innovation Center.

› **FREE Google Cybersecurity Professional Certification** – This includes several possible Google Certifications and qualifies for 9 ACE certified transferable college credits.

› **FREE CompTIA Security+ Certification Exam** – Skills and knowledge are tested with this industry-recognized certification.

› **EnterpriseKC's Heartland Cyber Range Virtual Training Ground** – This personalized, hands-on learning experience in a virtual, interactive environment is designed to simulate real-world networks, systems, applications and threats.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

› **One-on-One Support** – Our Technical Program Specialist is there to support students through every step, and 24/7 support through Coursera.

› **Live Access for Counselors/Teachers** – High school counselors and teachers will have live access to progress, grades and quiz scores.

› **School Counselor/Teacher Support** – We're here to help answer any questions you may have, and can even assist with calculating grades every semester.



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Being able to take this program without having the stress of having to pay massive school loans is a huge relief. It allows you to enter with no barriers. I can work remotely so I can stay here in the community I love and really pursue any career I want.

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Dane – Innovation Center Cybersecurity Student, Norton

READY TO CONNECT STUDENTS WITH A CYBERSECURITY CAREER?

Don't miss this opportunity to shape your students future. Encourage them to join us in the Cybersecurity Pathway and take the first step toward an exciting and fulfilling career.

Learn more at nwkeici.org/programs/cybersecurity or email Maria Dahlquist, Innovation Center's Technical Program Specialist at maria@nwkeici.org.

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