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# GRADD sponsoring 'Manufacturing Day' Thursday

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The Green River Area Development District's Workforce Development team is partnering with area industries to offer "Manufacturing Day" tours of area plants for middle and high school students on Thursday.

"This is a great way to introduce students to the manufacturing work environment," Whitney Risley, workforce business liaison, said in a news release.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development says there are 8,166 manufacturing jobs in Daviess and Hancock counties.

"Manufacturing is a critical sector of the economy that has been deemed as high-growth, high-demand for our area," Risley said. "And it is of utmost importance that we focus on workforce challenges, trends and future goals to help align our services with the needs of area employers to ensure continued success."

She said manufacturing day "addresses common misperceptions about manufacturing by giving manufacturers an opportunity to open their doors" and show students "what manufacturing is -- and what it isn't."

Risley said the day will help manufacturers address the "skilled labor shortage, connect with future generations, take charge of the public image of manufacturing and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry."

Owensboro High School students will visit Domtar, 1500 Ragu Drive, at 9 a.m. and Omico Plastics, 2025 Ragu Drive, at 10:30 a.m.

Hancock County High School and Hancock County Middle School students will also be participating.

High school students will visit the Southwire plant, 1987 Kentucky 3543, at 9 a.m.

Middle school students will visit at 10 a.m.

High school students will also visit the Daltile plant at 675 Melanie Drive in Lewisport at 10:30 a.m.

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