

BIOBus Tours South San Francisco Biotechnology Industry: Tour Features Stops at Genentech, Inc., Cell Genesys, and Skyline College

South San Francisco boasts one of the largest concentrations of biotechnology companies in the world. The industry, led by Genentech, Inc., has partnered with education and government to ensure that the biotech workforce has the education it needs. The Biotechnology Certificate Program at Skyline College models how effective these partnerships can be.

Now, more is being done to ensure the workforce pipeline that industry needs. The California Community College System has funded special "Quickstart Projects" (SB70) throughout the state to enhance Career and Technical Education links between high schools, regional occupation programs and colleges. Skyline's Quickstart Project, called BIOMAPS, partners with Capuchino, Carlmont and San Mateo High Schools, the San Mateo Regional Occupation Program, College of San Mateo, Cañada College, Gene Connection and the Career Ladders Project to develop Biotechnology Articulation Agreements and expose students to career possibilities in biotechnology.

One of these hands on activities is called *BIOBus*. Since South San Francisco has such a rich concentration of companies, area high school students can benefit from a bus tour through the area to better understand local biotech career opportunities.

On three separate days, Skyline College and the partner high schools will send up to 30 students each on a day-long biotech field trip. The first of these three field trips is ***Carlmont High School***, scheduled for ***Friday, February 2, 2007***.

During the morning of the field trip, the students will tour South San Francisco to see Biotech companies along a circular route that:

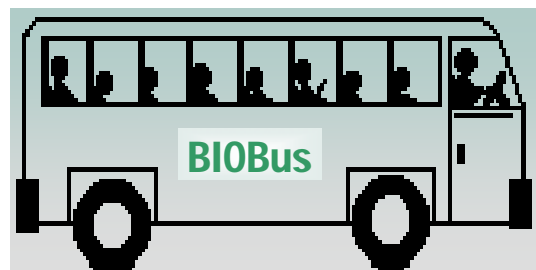
- starts at Oyster Point Boulevard
- takes Gull Drive to Forbes Boulevard to DNA Way - for a tour of Genentech
- continues back along Forbes, stopping at Cell Genesys for a tour, then
- travel to Skyline College for Lunch and an afternoon biotech activity in the new Science Building!

Students have an assignment before the tour to research selected companies. Along the tour, when passing the selected companies, students will announce the company

and give a very brief synopsis of the company (Name, Year Started, Focus, Number of Employees, etc.)

BIOBus Schedule / 2-2-2007

8:30 a.m.	Bus Departs Carlmont H.S
9:00 a.m.	Touring Begins along Oyster Point Boulevard
9:15 a.m.	Stop at Genentech Campus for a Tour by Dr. Nick Kapp
10:30 a.m.	Bus departs Genentech and Tours Along Forbes Ave
10:40 a.m.	Bus Stops at Cell Genesys for a Brief Tour/Visit
11:20 a.m.	Bus departs Cell Genesys
11:35 a.m.	Bus Arrives at Skyline College
11:45 a.m.	Students Meet in Skyline's New Science facility for a Biotech Lab Experiment
1:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	Bus departs Skyline College for Carlmont H.S.
2:45 p.m.	Bus arrives at Carlmont H.S.



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