

NEWS BRIEF | Nearly 1,500 Wichita-area students explore aviation careers at Textron Aviation Manufacturing Day events

Hello,

As the aviation industry works to build the next generation of skilled talent, nearly 1,500 middle and high school students and teachers from 40 Wichita-area schools explored aviation career paths during Textron Aviation's National Manufacturing Day events.

Why it matters

By giving students firsthand exposure to the people, processes and technology behind Cessna and Beechcraft aircraft, Textron Aviation is helping strengthen the regional workforce pipeline and position Wichita students to see a future in aviation.

Event overview

Hosted Oct. 1-2, 2026, at the Textron Aviation Activity Center, the events connected classroom learning with high-demand careers in aviation manufacturing, engineering, operations, maintenance, technology, supply chain and business support.

The events build on Textron Aviation's ongoing K-12 engagement and technical education collaborations aimed at expanding awareness of advanced manufacturing careers and supporting the future aviation workforce.

Students explored 26 interactive booths led by teams from across the company, including flight simulation, 3D printing, a close-up look at Cessna piston aircraft and a build-a-plane manufacturing assembly line using rivets, bolts, spacers and nuts.

By the numbers

- **8th** annual Manufacturing Day event
- **2-day** event hosted at the Textron Aviation Activity Center
- **1,500** students and teachers in attendance
- **40** Wichita-area schools participated
- **26** interactive booths showcased teams from across the company
- **150** employee volunteers each day

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