Work-Based Learning

Work-Based Learning (WBL) connects students with industry to engage in real world experiences. WBL experiences bridge academic, technical and employability skill development to help students become college, career and life ready. Whether in the earlier grades with career awareness, middle grades with career exploration, or high school with career preparation, WBL helps students explore careers and develop personal and professional goals for life after high school.

Examples of Work-Based Learning Experiences in K-12

NOTE: The example WBL experiences are not limited to specific grade levels. There may be additional WBL opportunities beyond those listed.

Elementary School

Career Awareness:

Building understanding of a broad scope of careers and how school relates to the world of work

Industry tours

Guest speakers

Field trips

Middle School

Career Exploration:

Diving in to learn more specifics about targeted careers

Informational interview

Career Café

Job shadow

Career Cluster Camps at postsecondary institutions

High School

Career Preparation:

Applying learning through experience with industry in a career of interest

Project Based Learning

Volunteer experience

Mentor relationship

Internship

Student-run enterprise

Capstone Experience courses:

- Youth Internship
- Youth Apprenticeship
- Service Learning
- Entrepreneurship Experience
- Senior Experience





