

K-12 Work-Based Learning

Work-based learning opportunities provide real-life work experiences that engage and prepare K-12 students for the workforce and their future careers.



Student Benefits

- Relevance of education to skills required in the workplace
- Increased motivation for academic success
- Awareness of career opportunities and training needed



Employer Benefits

- Early engagement with a talent pipeline for future workforce
- Reduces recruitment and training costs
- Strengthens partnerships between school and community

K-12 Work-based Learning Experiences

Career Awareness & Exploration

- Workplace tours
- Classroom speakers
- Career Fairs
- Employer interviews
- Job shadowing
- Project-based learning

Career Preparation & Training

- Internships
- Pre-apprenticeships
- Co-ops
- Industry-sponsored projects
- Mock interviews
- Job shadowing

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