# **BUSINESS PARTNERS' GUIDE TO**

**WORK-BASED LEARNING** 

# WHAT IS WBL?

Work-Based Learning (WBL) is a term for activities which link employers and schools to provide special learning experiences for students. These experiences focus on developing broad skills that apply

knowledge and skills learned in the class-room to the real world. These work experiences can be paid or unpaid. Work-Based Learning helps students to find their career interests, assess their training needs, and develop the



skills and attitudes necessary for paid employment. WBL seeks to help students find their passion and gives them the tools to pursue it. School credit will be given for these experiences.

# THE MISSION OF WBL

The mission of the Work-Based Learning Program is to assist in providing a highly trained, technologically sophisticated and career-oriented young workforce. This is accomplished by developing partnerships between business, industry, students, parents, the school system, coordinators, and post-secondary institutions which will lead the participating student into meaningful careers.



WBL seeks to provide assistance in the articulation of programs of study between high schools and post-secondary institutions. WBL creates a system that is industry driven where employers help set

occupational skills standards, collaborate on curriculum, provide work experience and workplace mentors for students, and certify mastery of skills leading to the award of a skill certificate.

# BENEFITS TO EMPLOYERS

- All businesses need qualified, career-oriented employees, so why not grow your own with WBL? Effective Work-Based Learning programs provide a wide range of specific benefits for all stakeholders, particularly local businesses. Here are just a few:
- Building a highly skilled workforce of motivated future employees with valuable experience and proven job skills.
- Reducing turnover through employees who are invested in the company and start their first day knowing necessary skills and expectations.
- Decreasing the cost of training and recruitment by matching interested and invested young people with employers in a wide range of industries.
- Offering opportunities to provide community service.
- Increasing employer visibility in education.

OF EMPLOYEES AGREE
H.S. INTERNSHIPS WILL GIVE A COMPETITIVE
ADVANTAGE OF FURTURE EMPLOYMENT.

- Communicating required job-specific proficiencies to educational personnel.
- Training employees to your business' specific standards and preferences.
- Building the foundation for a more productive local economy.



# PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

### ROLE OF THE EMPLOYER

The success of the WBL program is primarily based on the quality of the placement and the instruction the students receive on-site. The designated mentor,

selected by the company, is a key individual who ensures a successful experience. Many different individuals may be involved in teaching and training the intern but one individual who is specifically identified is typical. An

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effective mentor must possess both personal qualities and the technical expertise to be successful. It is important for the business to provide time

for the mentor to work with the intern/apprentice on a oneon-one basis.

Employers should also agree to host/employ the student for the entire school calendar year. There is a minimum hours requirement but can vary by student due to multiple schedule configurations. The WBL Coordinator will clarify the minimum hours for your intern/employee.

### ROLE OF THE MENTOR

PERSONAL QUALITIES: A mentor must know and perform his/her job well and be willing to share their knowledge. They should be of character the student would want to emulate.

COMMUNICATION: The mentor agrees to communicate regularly with the WBL Coordinator regarding job performance, attendance, motivation and any other pertinent information as needed.

TRAINING: The mentor participates in the development of the student's training plan. This plan will guide the student's participation while interning with the company and will serve as the basis of evaluations conducted throughout the school year.

**EVALUATIONS:** The mentor will evaluate the student's progress both formally and informally and keep the WBL Coordinator apprised of the progress. You should expect your intern to bring evaluations bimonthly for you to complete and sign, including:

- The training plan evaluation referenced above; once per semester.
- Employability skills evaluation, bimonthly.
- Hours documentation sheet for unpaid interns. This must be signed regularly.
- Paid students will provide pay stubs that show the

student's name, pay period, number of hours worked and pay.

## ROLE OF THE COORDINATOR

- Vet students prior to WBL program acceptance.
  - Emphasize employability skill attainment throughout the year.
  - Conduct multiple site visits throughout the school year to briefly discuss student progress with the mentor.
  - Partner with the mentor as a job coach for the student.
- Maintain records pertinent to the student, employer and school as required by the state.

### ROLE OF THE STUDENT

- Arrive at work site on time and prepared to begin work.
- Comply with all company policies regarding dress code, professionalism, and attendance.
- Show initiative by taking on assigned projects, ask questions as necessary and accept feedback and constructive criticism.
- Provide the employer with required paperwork in a timely manner.
- Communicate all absences and schedule changes as soon as possible.

### **EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

The most effective mentors model behaviors and traits students can adopt, such as:

- Positive attitude
- Flexibility
- Self-confidence
- Responsibility
- · Open-mindedness
- Accountability
- · Creative problem-solving
- Effective Communication

Work-Based Learning



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# TYPICAL STUDENT PROFILE

AGE REQUIREMENT: Student's over age 16 who provides his/her own transportation daily to and from work are allowed to participate in Work-Based Learning.

Students under 18 are allowed to work in various industries, such as manufacturing, engineering and construction, as long as they are in a state approved Work-Based Learning program and abide by the Hazardous Occupations guidance from the state.

CALIBER OF STUDENT: Students receive three teacher recommendations and have good behavior and attendance to qualify for the WBL program. Students have complete least one CTAE Pathway or are concurrently enrolled third course of Pathway.

WORKING HOURS: Students need an average of 7.5 hours per block on his/her schedule. Ex. 2 WBL blocks = 15 hr./week. The actual schedule should work within both the student's and business' schedules.

PAID OR UNPAID: Both paid and unpaid internships are an option. However, if the student is adding value, pay should be considered. Some unpaid positions lead to paid employment upon completion of the internship.



# PATHWAYS OFFERED AT CCHS

#### **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources**

Agricultural Mechanics Food Animal Production Forestry/Wildlife System Plant and Landscape Veterinary Science

#### **Architectural and Construction**

Carpentry Welding

#### **Education and Training**

Early Childhood Education Teaching as a Profession

#### **Finance**

**Financial Services** 

#### **Government and Public Administration**

**JROTC Marines** 

#### **Health Science**

Allied Health and Medicine Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Certified Nursing Assistant Sports Medicine

#### **Human Services**

**Nutrition and Food Science** 

#### **Information Technology**

**Programming** 

### Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Firefighting

#### Marketing

Marketing and Management

#### Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

**Engineering and Technology** 

#### **Transportation, Distribution and Logistics**

**Automotive Technology** 

# SAMPLE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

**BECOMES** 

### INITIAL TRAINING PLAN

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These soft skills will be listed on each training plan.

Be sure to provide your email and direct phone number.

### EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS EVALUATION

Student	Empl	oyer:			
Date:	Due .	Date:			
School:	Eval	sation Period	Ending:		
Directions: Please evaluate the student- experience. Circle the number for each category.					
Category	(A)	Average (B)	(C)	Average (D)	(F)
Produces quality work	10	9-8-7	6-5-4	3-2-1	0
Reports to work promptly when scheduled	10	9-8-7	6-5-4	3-2-1	0
Uses time wisely	10	9-8-7	100	3-2-1	0
Demonstrates honesty and integrity	10	9.8	1	3-2-1	0
Demonstrates responsible behavior	10	D 8-7/	6-5	3-2-1	0
Cooperates with others	10	0-8-7	6-5-4	3-2-1	0
Responds to feedback constructively	1/AVI	9-8-7	6-5-4	3-2-1	0
Uses maintains materials (I equipme appropriately	7/2	9-8-7	6-5-4	3-2-1	0
Follows company policies	10	9-8-7	6-5-4	3-2-1	0
Maintains appropriate personal appearance	10	9-8-7	6-5-4	3-2-1	0
General Comments:					
Training Mentor Supervisor:					(signature)
Work-Based Learning Coordinator:					(signature)

### TRAINING PLAN EVALUATION

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conditions have be Special requiremen	en identified):						
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### HOURS DOCUMENTATION SHEET

<u>Unpaid interns only: all</u> paid employees will receive an official pay stub from the company.

Name:			Pla	cement Site:	
HOURS MUST BE RECORDED DAILY AND SUPERVISORMENTOR SIGN DAILY.     FALSIFYING RECORDS WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM.     PLEASE BE ON TIME AND IN ATTENDANCE DAILY.     PLEASE ON THE AND IN ATTENDANCE DAILY.     PLEASE ON THE FALL COMMENTOR OF ANY ASSENCES IN ADVANCE.					
Date	Time	Time Out	Hours Worked	Mentor Signature	If absent, state reason
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