



WORK-BASED LEARNING

Helping Every Student Find a Career That Fits

Work-based learning (WBL) gives students in **all grade levels** valuable experiences to learn **About, Of, For, and Through** work.

Discover Careers

Gain Experience

Build Skills & Connections

Work-based learning gives you the chance to learn about work, prepare for work, and then work directly with employers while still in school! As you figure out what interests you, opportunities become more hands on and connected to your future goals.

- ✓ Explore careers that excite you and learn how to prepare for them
- ✓ Try out different workplaces and build connections with employers
- ✓ Connect classroom learning with valuable hands-on experiences
- ✓ Build career-ready practices and technical skills
- ✓ Earn college credit and industry-recognized credentials that matter for your career goals

Work-Based Learning Opens Doors for Students



Improves graduation rates



Enhances Job Satisfaction



More interest in education after high school



Increased early career income

What Does WBL Look Like?

Experiences for learners in all grade levels



Meet working professionals and learn what different careers and businesses are really like

Show off the skills you are building through career competitions



Start a business or solve real-world workplace challenges as part of school projects

Participate in hands-on activities designed by employers in the classroom or at a workplace



Work-Based Learning in New Mexico

Work-based learning is available to students in all grade levels through four stages, with multiple experiences in each stage. WBL experiences are designed to be flexible to meet the needs of students, schools, and communities.





Work-Based Learning: Important Things to Know

Who offers WBL?

Schools work with teachers and employers to design WBL experiences that align with both industry needs and academic coursework.

How much time does WBL take?

WBL experiences vary by stage and type. Early experiences may last 30 minutes to an hour, while career-entry experiences may require four or more hours per day across multiple days each week.

Where does WBL happen?

WBL can take place in classrooms, workplaces, and other community settings, always with adult supervision and support.

Is WBL safe?

Schools work with employers to provide safe learning environments and training that follows state and federal laws.

Can WBL help meet graduation requirements?

Some WBL experiences may qualify for academic credit in upper-level English, math, and science courses. Students should talk with a school counselor or teacher to learn more about available opportunities and eligibility requirements.

**Get Started
Today**

Talk to a teacher or school counselor to learn about WBL experiences available through your school and district.

