

K-12 CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING FRAMEWORK

Student pathways to great jobs



career awareness LEARNING ABOUT WORK

Career Awareness experiences are those that help students build awareness of the variety of careers available. These activities are normally defined as one-time interactions with partners for a student or group of students.

ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

Career Presentations
(Panels + Speakers)

Career Fairs

Worksite Tours

career preparation LEARNING THROUGH WORK

Career Preparation experiences support college and career readiness and include extended direct interaction with professionals from industry and the community. These experiences are designed to give students supervised practical application of skills and knowledge and often occur in CTE courses.

ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

Cooperative
Worksite Learning

Instructional
Worksite Learning

Virtual & Onsite
Internships

Extended Learning

Youth
Apprenticeship

Career Connected Learning is a continuum of awareness, exploration, preparation, and work experiences developed through strong public and private partnerships. Participants develop, apply, and are assessed on academic, technical, trade, and entrepreneurial skills that support their future career success.

career exploration LEARNING FOR WORK

Career Exploration provides students with short term direct interaction with partners and the opportunity to explore career options in a way that contributes to motivation for learning and informs students' decisions about further experiences and educational options.

ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

Informational
Interview

Networking
Events

Job Shadow

Career Prep
Workshop

Work-based
Problems with
Classroom
Mentoring

CCLs Embedded in
General Ed Class

career skills training & education LEARNING IN WORK

Career Training experiences prepare students for employment in a specific range of occupations. Career Training experiences often occur after high school.

ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

Clinical
Experience

On-the-Job
Training

Apprenticeship

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