



WHAT IS 'WORK EXPERIENCE'?

Work Experience is an opportunity for students to observe, engage, and explore while in real-world settings. The primary goal is for our community's future workforce to develop an understanding of career possibilities, career expectations, and job-related skills. Students earn high school credits through Work Experience placements, whether paid or unpaid.

HOW LONG IS A PLACEMENT?

40-100 hours with flexible scheduling but will vary based on the needs of the student and employer, and could lead to regular employment.

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE VALUABLE?

- Hands-on experiences, job shadowing, career mentoring
- Simulation experiences of higher-risk careers (e.g., emergency response, forestry operations, heavy machinery operation)

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF AN EMPLOYER?

- Provide an orientation in a safe working and learning environment
- Communicate with the student and teacher to provide constructive feedback
- Provide on-the-job supervision and mentorship of the student during the placement



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PRIOR TO PLACEMENT

The **Work Experience** teacher will contact you to make sure that any necessary documentation is completed. This can include verifying contact details, identifying what skills or knowledge the student may acquire during the placement, and finalizing the Work Experience Agreement.

It will be helpful to have a single point of contact at the organization who understands the nature and goals of Work Experience.

This assists us with providing consistent and diverse student opportunities that don't become a burden for those supervising or mentoring the student.



SCHEDULING POSSIBILITIES

Placements can occur in a single week or over a longer period of time with a total of 40 to 100 hours. These hours can be configured several different ways...



Block Schedule - placement occurs for a regular, full work week (or two).

Weekly Visit - placements occurs one day per week for a period of 5 to 10 weeks.

Single Mentor - placement is alongside a single mentor, with greater depth in one area of operation

Mentorship Team - multiple mentors share in supervision, with more broad experience across the organization

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