



Work Based Learning Committee Update
April 14, 2021

WBL Committee Charge

The Work-Based Learning Committee is responsible for:

- Cultivating a nimble system under the Idaho LEADER framework that ensures innovative and high-quality programs are available throughout Learning About Work, Learning Through Work, and Learning At Work. Recommending investment of Council resources to scale efforts as appropriate.
- Providing robust information on all aspects of work-based learning and connecting stakeholders to existing and new efforts.
- Promoting the opportunities and benefits of work-based learning to employers, individuals and influencers.

Outreach Committee

Work-Based Learning Committee

Apprenticeship Coalition

	Learning About Work			Learning Through Work			Learning At Work	
Category	Career Education	Employer Engagement	Externships	Internships	Pre-Apprenticeship	Co-op	On-the-Job Training	Apprenticeship
Definition	Teachers bring career information into the classroom.	Students learn by directly engaging with potential future employers.	Short practical work experiences to “ground-truth” theory.	A short-term position providing experience and exposure. May be paid or unpaid and for-credit or non-credit.	A program that teaches basic technical and job-readiness skills to prepare for an apprenticeship.	Structured method of classroom learning integrated with workplace experience where credit is received for both.	Individuals are taught by other employees how to complete a task while doing the job.	An “earn while you learn” model where on-the-job training is coupled with related instruction. Wage gains are incorporated and the experience culminates in industry-recognized credentials.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Counseling Pathway Planning Presentations examining growth careers Industry Speakers Interviews with current employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host a tour for middle school/high school students or participate in school-organized career fairs. Provide an opportunity for students to job shadow. Become a mentor through the STEM Action Center’s Mentorship Portal. 	Host a teacher during the summer to bring real-world experiences into the classroom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect with college & career advisors at high schools to reach high-school interns. Connect with postsecondary institutions to reach college interns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with an industry association to develop a program to teach workplace skills. Host a competitive job-skill-building event requiring potential apprentices to collaborate on project-based activities. 	Connect with a local community college or other postsecondary institution to identify cooperative education opportunities in areas of in-demand skills.	Partner with the Idaho Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and/or Department of Health & Welfare to hire Veterans, individuals with disabilities, and other individuals seeking work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop registered apprenticeship programs for hard-to-fill positions. Expand apprenticeship programs to School to Registered Apprenticeship to engage high school students.

Committee Objectives

- Formally define WBL in partnership with the State Board of Education.
 - Integrate existing workplace readiness standards.
- Evaluate scalability of existing WBL programs – facilitate grant opportunities.
- Provide a statewide infrastructure for facilitating WBL and monitoring impact.