

CTE Programs Work-Based Learning

Definitions

What About Job Shadow, Guest Speakers, and Field Trips?

Giving students valuable experience in career decision making are vital elements of the WBL Continuum and CTE Programs. Job shadowing, guest speakers, and field trips prior to a WBL experience can help determine appropriate opportunities for individual student needs and goals. High-quality programs of study do not merely provide students with isolated workplace exposure. Programs should work to develop a continuum of experiences that progress in intensity from workplace tours and job shadowing to school-based enterprises, internships, and apprenticeships.

- Job shadow, guest speakers, and field trips do provide business and industry involvement related to Indicator 5 of ADE Quality and Compliance Monitoring. Using such experiences qualify as community involvement, industry partner involvement, as well as career exploration.
- Job shadow, guest speakers, and field trips being based in career awareness and exploration, lack application of knowledge and skills, and will not be considered Work-Based Learning Experience.