



## WORK-BASED LEARNING

Work-Based Learning helps students understand how course content applies to their future and allows students to interact with employees/employers to better understand the nature of work and opportunities available.

Students involved in Work-Based Learning:

- Are better prepared for future employment and promotion
- May earn money to support future goals
- Have improved attendance and better grades
- Are more interested in additional education and training
- Develop better problem-solving skills and interpersonal skills
- Are more goal-oriented
- Better understand real-life issues
- Have increased focus and purpose

The proper balance between classroom and work-based experiences results in high academic and technical achievement. Examples of Work-Based Learning include:

### **Apprenticeship**

Employers sponsor students through the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship Training. Paid experience integrates classroom and work-based learning. Upon completion of high school, the student continues the apprenticeship with the employer and with related post-secondary training.

### **Cooperative Education (Co-op)**

11th and 12th-grade EFE students can earn while they learn through on-the-job training. This is a capstone experience for students to work in a job related to their EFE class. Applications are available in the counseling office at each school.

### **Field Trips**

Many EFE students participate in field trips to area businesses related to their program. This allows the students to observe the work environment in person and understand what opportunities are available in that career.

### **Internship**

EFE students in certain programs may access advanced training in the workplace as part of the curriculum. These experiences may be unpaid or paid.

### **Job Shadowing**

Students spend time at local businesses observing working conditions and skill requirements. All EFE students have an opportunity to participate in a job shadowing experience.