

Participating in Work Experiences

For students who want to get a job

What Do Students Gain from Work Experiences?

Work experiences can help you build your resume and prepare for your future career.

Work experiences can help you:

- Learn new skills
- Explore job options
- Discover new jobs you may want to do in the future
- Add work experience on your resume



Types of Work Experiences

Volunteer Opportunities

- Gain work experience and learn new skills
- Explore different jobs, learn and practice skills you need as an employee, and build confidence
- Shows that you are dedicated to your community
- Provides opportunities to be a leader, practice communication skills, and gain problem solving experience



Service-Learning Projects

- Involve ongoing work in the community that connects what you learn in the classroom to the community
- Connect students to organizations in the community and students work together to make the community a better place
- Provides opportunities to demonstrate initiative, flexibility, accountability, and leadership



Paid Jobs

- A paid job is when a company or organization hires you as an employee and pays you for the work you do
- You can be paid for each hour you work or receive a yearly salary
- Paid jobs can be part-time employment, full-time employment, seasonal employment, and apprenticeships
- Provides opportunities to learn transferable skills like time management, adaptability, problem-solving, and professional communication



Apprenticeships

- Program where you are paid to complete classroom instruction and hands-on training from someone who is already doing the job
- Teach you new skills while you are working on the job
- Receive a national certification once you complete the requirements of an apprenticeship
- National certifications can go on your resume and help you get a job



Wrap-Up

- There are many options for you to gain work experience and learn new skills
- These experiences can help you explore career options, make connections, and build your resume.
- These experiences include volunteering, service-learning projects, paid jobs, and apprenticeships.
- As you review the experiences, choose experiences that connect with your interests and career goals.