

Work-Based Learning

Educator Activities



Work-based learning is intended to provide learners with an opportunity to explore careers, build skills, and connect with local employers in an interactive environment. Educators participating in work-based learning activities with local partners can also benefit in the same ways, gaining valuable understanding of the industry, emerging trends, and engagement opportunities from these interactions which they can incorporate into their classrooms to support student development. NAF recommends that schools and partners work together to offer the following work-based learning opportunities for educators.

GUEST SPEAKERS + WORKSHOPS FOR EDUCATORS

(10+ minutes)

Guest speakers share information about their company and/or industry trends and may also deliver skill development workshops in an interactive environment with educators.

WORKSITE TOURS FOR EDUCATORS

(30 minutes – 2 hours)

Worksite tours provide educators the opportunity to tour a company's workspace and see the environment up-close while also offering the opportunity to learn about the company, industry, and employees.

JOB SHADOWS FOR EDUCATORS

(4 – 6 hours)

Job shadows provide educators time to shadow an employee, observing their daily activities to learn more about their job and a typical workday while also providing an opportunity to ask questions.

EXTERNSHIPS FOR EDUCATORS

(40+ hours)

Externships provide educators the opportunity to immerse themselves in an extended learning opportunity with an employer company. During this activity, educators will complete a project of value for the employer, learn about skills needed for work in the industry, and create a lesson plan based upon their learnings to better prepare students for the workplace.