



Who We Are

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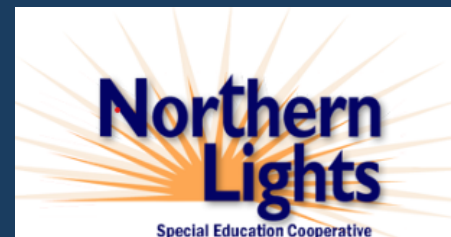
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Why Choose WBL?

WBL bridges the gap between school and careers. Through structured employer engagement, WBL helps students build on their classroom-based instruction by developing and strengthening technical skills and employability skills in preparation for future careers.

School-community partnerships ensure that our youth are prepared for their next steps after high school graduation throughout the education pipeline.

Minnesota has an unprecedented collaboration between school and employment support agencies to prepare students with disabilities for college and career success.



WORK BASED LEARNING
PROGRAM

**"Building Students'
Academic, Life Skills, and
Experiences"**

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Benefits:

Students:

- Provides a real world learning environment to develop interests and abilities.
- Develops an understanding of positive work habits and attitudes.
- Increases confidence and academic achievement.

Employers:

- Provides an opportunity to make a difference in a youth's life.
- Fosters a partnership with local schools.
- Provides a pool of potential future employees.
- Improves employee retention and can reduce training/recruiting costs.

School:

- Brings employers and school together.
- Enhances the ability to meet the needs of a diverse student population
- Makes education more relevant and valuable for students.
- Increases relevant school-based learning by helping students define career goals and providing a practical means of reaching them.

Community:

- Provides an effective way of helping young people become productive citizens in the community.
- Increases the economic health of the region as students help employers meet the need for skilled workers.
- Promotes respect and tolerance between various groups in the community.
- Encourages students to remain in the local community after graduation, thus promoting a stable workforce.

NLSEC WBL Program serves the following school districts:

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| • Barnum | • Hermantown | • Northern Lights |
| • Carlton | • Lake Superior | Academy |
| • Cloquet | • McGregor | • Proctor |
| • Cromwell-Wright | • Moose Lake | • Willow River |
| • Esko | | • Wrenshall |



Continuum of Services

- 1 Career Awareness
- 2 Career Exploration
- 3 Career Preparation
- 4 Job Search Skills

"Bridging the classroom with the world of work"