

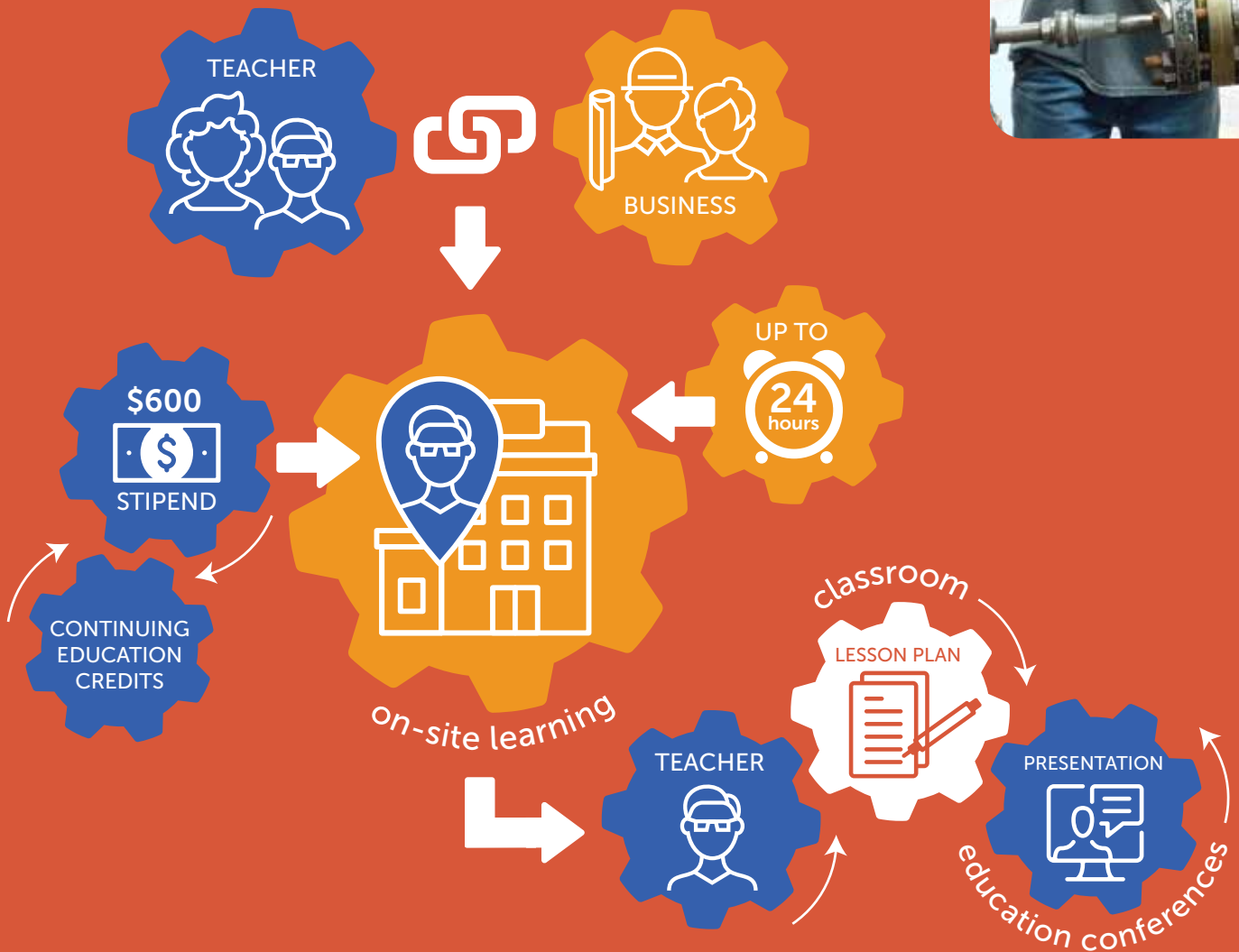
Work-based Learning Collaborative

MONTANA

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Teacher Externships



Montana Teachers Experience Industry First-Hand

Teacher externships offer hands-on knowledge outside of the classroom.

Students from across the state will learn from their teachers' experiences about the work that takes place in Montana's businesses.

Teachers will:

- Participate in three day externships.
- Share lessons learned with fellow educators.
- Present what they have learned at various education conferences
- Earn continuing education credits and a \$600 stipend upon completion.

“ We want teachers to experience the industry first-hand to help bring relevant, real-world contact into classrooms throughout Montana. ”

PADDY FLEMING
DIRECTOR OF THE
MONTANA MANUFACTURING
EXTENSION CENTER

The teacher externship program developed through a partnership between the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center, Office of Public Instruction, and Reach Higher Montana. This partnership formed through involvement in the Montana Work-Based Learning Collaborative.



HANNA LOREN BARTOLOME, JANICE OCAMPO, AND JOCEL TABIOS, EXTERNS AT ONE HEALTH IN HARDIN

Applications open in January and close early March to allow for matching.

To apply, go to wblmt.org.

Interested in knowing when the application opens?

Sign up here! ▶



Participating businesses (past and present)

- 1889 Coffee
- ADF International, Inc.
- Applied Materials
- Atomic Industries
- Big Sky Economic Dev
- CACI Gimbal Technologies
- Deer Lodge Medical
- Diversified Plastics
- Girl Scouts of MT/WY
- Granite Technologies
- HE Parts International
- Intermountain Health
- Mystery Ranch
- Nomad Global Communications
- Northern Ag Network
- Mission West Community Development
- One Health-Hardin
- Opportunity Bank
- Parkside Financial Credit Union
- PureView
- Red Oxx Manufacturing, Inc.
- Riverstone Health
- Spark R&D
- Spika Manufacturing
- Tongue River Winery
- Tuscano Machine
- Visit Great Falls
- West Paw
- Wheat Montana
- Wood's Powr-Grip

Learn More About the Experience from the Teachers



Mary Shayne S. Mirador (Right)
Hardin High School
Big Sky Economic Development

“I was able to identify several ways to incorporate skills observed in various occupations into my classroom instruction. I saw how critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and adaptability are valued across many careers.”



Kristen Cole (Left)
Polson School District
Mission West Community Development Partners

“This experience was great and I am so thankful that I was able to participate. I met so many people and everyone of them thought this experience was really cool! I hope more teachers in the valley get involved in this! It was worth the time and effort.”



Suzi Kearns (Center)
Great Falls Public Schools
Visit Great Falls

“I am grateful to have this experience so that I can see what skills are marketable and what skills are not. I now have a resolve to be more involved with the community and excite my students.”



Andy Heck (Left)
Geyser Public Schools
Spika Manufacturing

“I will be able to better explain to my students what future employers may look for in an employee in this field.”



Becky Bates (Right)
Columbia Falls School District
Parkside Credit Union

“This is a great opportunity and I plan to encourage others to participate/apply. It also helps to energize me to increase internship opportunities for students.”



Work That Matters

Work-based learning (WBL) is a key component of career-connected learning. While career-connected learning includes career awareness and exploration, work-based learning is experiential, on-the-job learning.

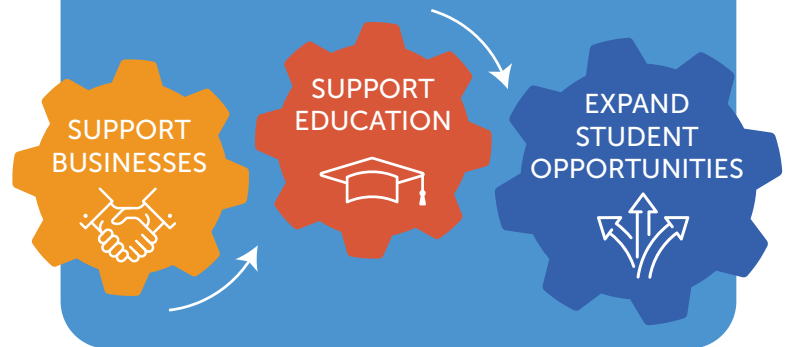
In addition to building employability skills, WBL experiences help students develop meaning from their classroom learning and explore purposeful career opportunities. The Montana Work-Based Learning Collaborative works to promote belonging, meaning, well-being, and purpose for all young Montanans by building capacity for high-quality WBL experiences. Employers who intentionally cultivate belonging in the workplace for young workers benefit from access to future workforce talent.

We work to improve coordination among the K-12 education system, post-secondary education system, public workforce system, and government agencies to benefit Montana's emerging workforce and Montana's businesses.



Our Vision

Every young adult in Montana will have multiple pathways to economic self-sufficiency, supported by a statewide work-based learning system that honors the potential of students and addresses the workforce needs of Montana businesses, today and tomorrow.



Who We Are

A cross-section of public and private sector organizations with a stake in work-based learning, working together to ensure Montana students, educators, and businesses are supported by high-quality, accessible, relevant, and measurable work-based learning opportunities. Reach Higher Montana (RHM), a statewide nonprofit organization working at the intersection of education and careers, is the intermediary for this work. RHM provides coordination, bridges connections, and focuses on long-term and system-wide outcomes.

To learn more, contact Gabrielle Rowley at (406) 422-6809 or growley@ReachHigherMontana.org

Learn more about us at wblmt.org



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