

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 6178.1

Work-Based Learning

The Governing Board desires to facilitate work-based learning opportunities which link classroom learning with real-world experiences. The district's work-based learning program shall be designed to teach students the skills, attitudes, and knowledge necessary for successful employment and to reinforce mastery of both academic and career technical education (CTE) standards.

(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

The district's work-based learning program may offer opportunities for paid and/or unpaid work experiences, including, but not limited to:

1. Work experience education as defined in Education Code 51764
2. Cooperative CTE or community classrooms as defined in Education Code 52372.1
3. Job shadowing experience as defined in Education Code 51769
4. Student internships
5. Guest speakers
6. Apprenticeships
7. Service learning
8. Employment in social/civic or school-based enterprises
9. Technology-based or other simulated work experiences
10. Mock interviews

The Superintendent or designee may provide students employment opportunities with public and private employers in areas within or outside the district, including in any contiguous state. (Education Code 51768)

When required, work-based learning plans shall be submitted to the California Department of Education or other state agency or official.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve local businesses or business organizations in planning and implementing work-based learning opportunities that support the district's vision and goals for student learning and local workforce development efforts. They also may work with postsecondary institutions, community organizations, and others to identify opportunities for work-based learning.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

When required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a written training agreement with the employer that describes the conditions and requirements to be met by all parties and shall develop an individual training plan for each student which outlines the objectives or competencies that the student is expected to accomplish at the work site. (5 CCR 10070-10071, 10087, 10108)

To ensure appropriate guidance and supervision of participating students and maximize the educational benefit from placement in any work-based learning program, district staff shall coordinate with the workplace supervisors or mentors.

A minor student shall be allowed employment through a paid work-based learning program only if they have been issued a work permit, in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (Education Code 49113, 49160)

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)

All laws or rules applicable to minors in employment relationships shall be applicable to students enrolled in work-based learning programs. (Education Code 51763)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any student participating in a work-based learning program off school grounds is covered under the employer's or district's insurance, as applicable, in the event the student is injured.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any teacher-coordinator of a work-based learning program possesses the appropriate credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. (5 CCR 10075, 10080, 10100)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records related to each student's participation in the district's work-based learning program, including, but not limited to, the student's individualized training plan, employment hours and job site, work permit if applicable, the employer's report of student's attendance and job performance, the teacher-coordinator's consultations and observations, and reports of the student's grade and credits earned.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding program implementation and effectiveness, including, but not limited to, rates of student participation in work-based learning programs and assessment results of participating students.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Fresno Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, age, creed, religion, political affiliation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sex,

sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, medical information, military veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35208 Liability insurance
46144 Minimum school day for work experience program
46147 Exception for minimum day; students in last semester or quarter of grade 12
46300 Method of computing ADA
48402 Enrollment in continuation education, minors not regularly employed
49110-49119 Permits to work
49160 Permits to work, duties of employer
51760-51769.5 Work-based learning
52300-52499.66 Career technical education
54690-54697 Partnership academies
56026 Students with exceptional needs
52372.1 Community classrooms and cooperative career technical education programs

LABOR CODE

1285-1312 Employment of minors
1391-1394 Working hours for minors
3070-3099.5 Apprenticeship
3200-6002 Workers' compensation and insurance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1635 Credit for work experience education
10070-10075 Work experience education
10080-10090 Community classrooms
10100-10111 Cooperative career technical education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

2301-2414 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

570.35a Work experience programs

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Work Experience Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/we>

California Department of Industrial Relations: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

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