

## **Work-Based Learning Opportunities**

### **Cooperative Education / Capstone Experience**

Cooperative education provides the student the opportunity to develop competitive occupational skills performed at business/industry standards by linking the classroom instruction to basic skill training. This is accomplished through carefully supervised on-the-job training which may lead to full-time employment or related continuing education. A related class is required and students may be released early from school.

### **Externship**

An externship is an unpaid placement clearly related to a student's career goal. This experience is an integral part of the student's vocational class instruction in grades 10 to 12. It offers students enrolled in a vocational class the unique opportunity to gain real-world experiences as an extension of their classroom setting.

### **Internship**

An internship offers an opportunity to explore business and/or professional positions in a paid or non-paid job placement clearly related to the student's established career goal and identified on the EDP. No related class is required. On-site career information and pre-career skills are gained by working one-to-one with the adult supervisor. Credit is also earned.

### **Job Shadowing**

A brief time, usually half or a full day, a student spends on the job with an occupational or professional person. The student learns about the career as well as the required education, skill and physical requirements, attitudes, and work habits needed for that occupation.

### **Mentorship**

The pairing of a student with a person who has skills in a career area and who can encourage and support career-related growth, provide information, and guide skill development.

### **Work Experience**

A work-based learning opportunity provides for students who will be working at one job during the school year. This includes both paid and unpaid experiences in a workplace setting. Students must successfully complete the work experience to receive credit. Students need not take a related class or instruction.

***If you are a member of the business community and are interested in working with our school district in providing opportunities for students, please contact the office of Career and Technical Education, 248.682.8457***