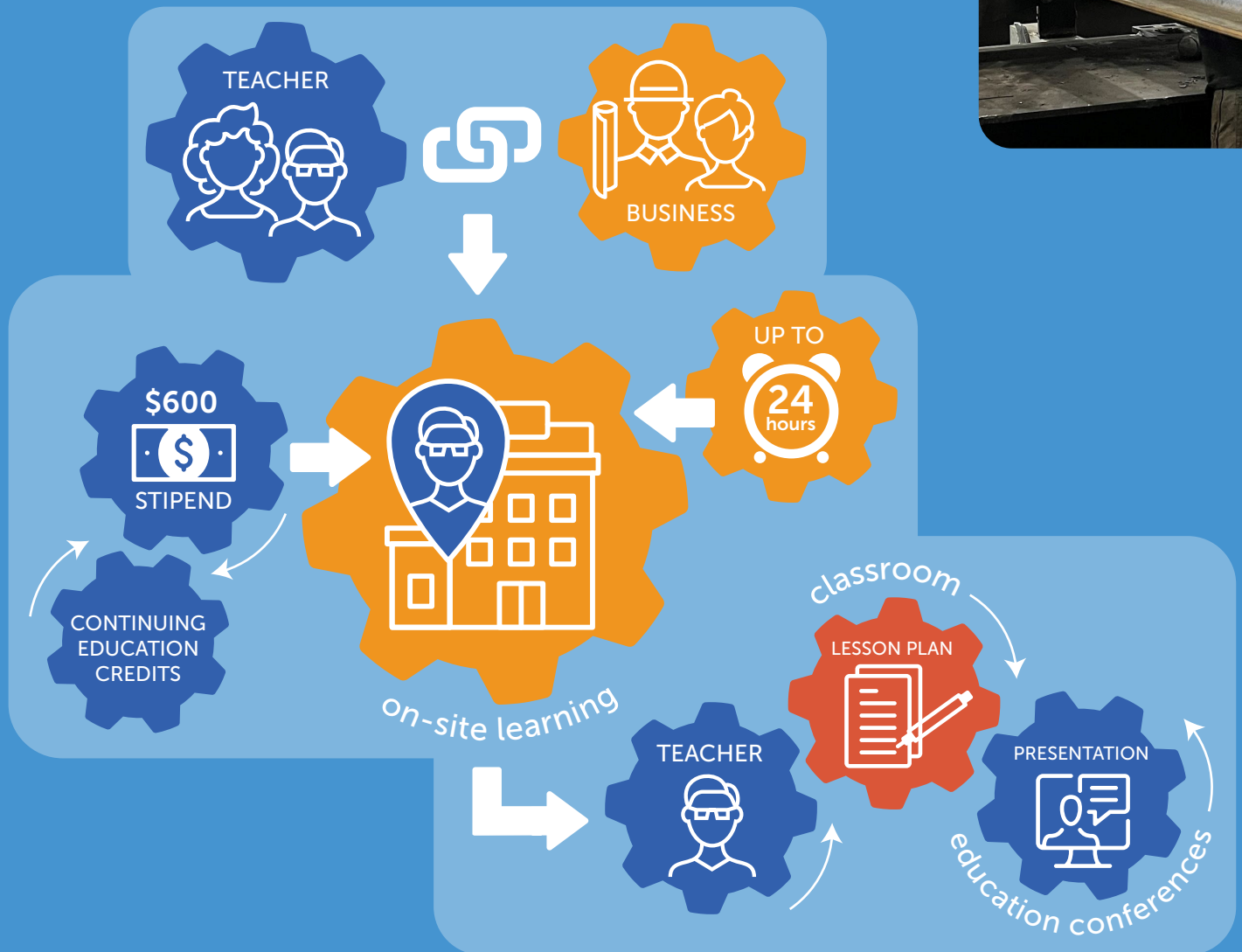
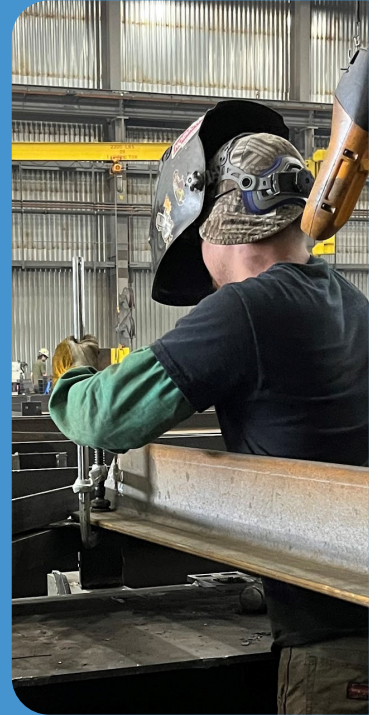


Teacher Externships



Montana Teachers Experience Industry First-Hand

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

High school 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 stipends upon completion.

Applications open in early January and close on March 1 to allow for matching.

To apply, go to wblmt.org.

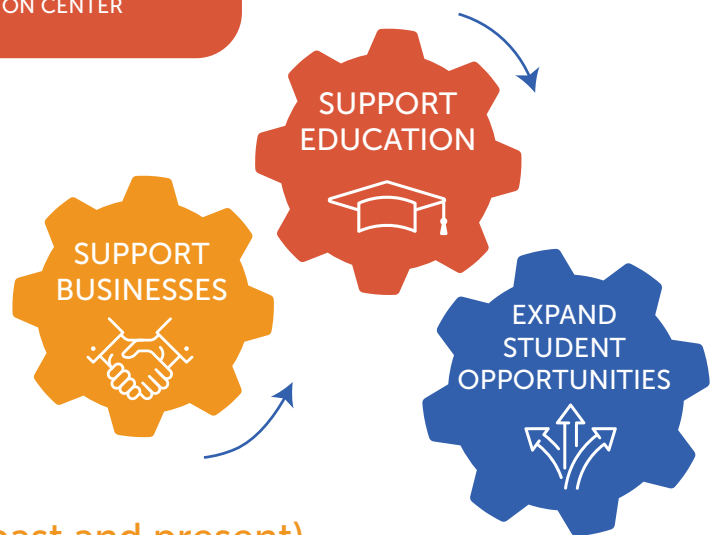


ADAM THOLT (CENTER), TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL TEACHER AT WINNETT HIGH SCHOOL, AT TUSCANO MACHINE

“ 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 and Reach Higher Montana. This partnership formed from both organizations' involvement in the Montana Work-Based Learning Collaborative.



Participating businesses (past and present)

- 1889 Coffeehouse
- ADF International, Inc.
- Alluvion Health
- Applied Materials
- Atomic Industries
- Benefis Health System
- Deer Lodge Medical
- Diversified Plastics
- HE Parts International
- Intermountain Health
- Mystery Ranch
- Nomad Global Communications
- Opportunity Bank
- Paradise Dental Technologies
- Parkside Financial Credit Union
- PureView Health Center
- Red Oxx Manufacturing, Inc.
- Riverstone Health
- Spark R&D
- Tuscano Machine
- West Paw
- Weyerhaeuser Manufacturing
- Wheat Montana
- Wood's Powr-Grip

Learn More About the Experience from the Teachers



Peregrine Frissell (center)
Columbia Falls Junior High
Nomad Global Communications
Solutions

“This was a cool experience, I felt like I learned a lot about something going on right here in our valley I didn’t know about and it will totally influence future conversations I have with my students about what local opportunities there are out there for high skilled manufacturing work.”



Kristen Linn (left)
Fromberg Schools
Woods Powr Grip

“I had a great time during my externship. My background is in mental health/education and more office like jobs so seeing and experiencing hands on the world of manufacturing was eye opening!”

To learn more, contact,
Jason Butcher at (406) 366-0777
or jbutcher@ReachHigherMontana.org



Jennifer Birrer
Fromberg Schools
Atomic Industry

“Thanks for this opportunity it was fun to learn about a company that I did not even know was in our community.”



Brena Beckett (center)
Laurel High School
Riverstone Health

“The externship went very well and I learned SO MUCH in just three days. I appreciate the time that the departments and their employees took to show me what their jobs consist of and the organization that it took to coordinate each day. It was very interesting to shadow the providers in action!”



Kasey McClane
Belfrey Public Schools
Tuscano Machine

“Overall I thought the experience was great. All of the employees and owner were very kind and I learned. I am impressed with the strong sense of pride in their work over at Tuscano and their commitment to employee satisfaction. I think it would be a wonderful place to work.”



Work That Matters

Work-based learning (WBL) opportunities span a continuum from workplace tours to apprenticeship (and many models in between).

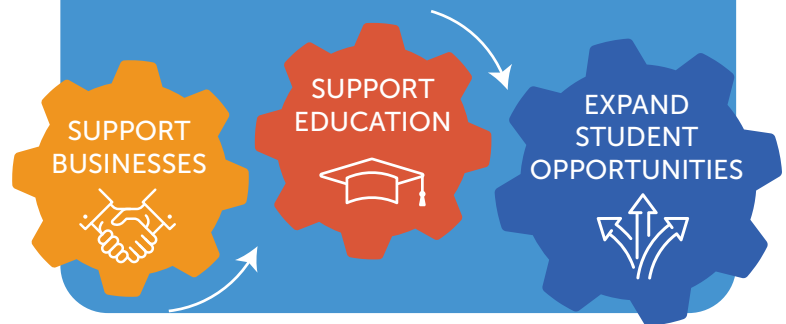
In addition to building employability skills, WBL experiences help students develop meaning from their classroom learning and explore purposeful career opportunities. Employers who intentionally cultivate belonging in the workplace for young workers can gain access to future workforce talent. The Montana 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.

There are components of work-based learning in the K-12 education system, the postsecondary education system, and the public workforce system – but no single entry point for students or employers to access them. Our work to improve coordination among agencies and WBL partners benefits 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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