

Tool:	Work-Based Learning
Category:	Classroom
Urban Specialist:	Merrie Murray
School Level:	High School
Target Audience:	Students, Community Members
References:	Stern, D. (1997). Learning and earning: The value of working for urban students. ERIC/CUE Digest#128ED 413405.
<p>Rationale: To involve students and community members in meaningful activities.</p>	
<p>Description:</p> <p>As a special educator in an urban high school, I deal with many at-risk students who may not successfully finish high school. Work-based learning provides students an opportunity to work while furthering their education. The program complements and enhances the educational process. It enables students to earn money while experiencing a relevant learning experience. A trained educator coordinates an appropriate program to ensure a successful collaboration among the student, employer, and the school. Ultimately, the student earns academic credit toward graduation. Students and employers have responded to this educational experience.</p>	