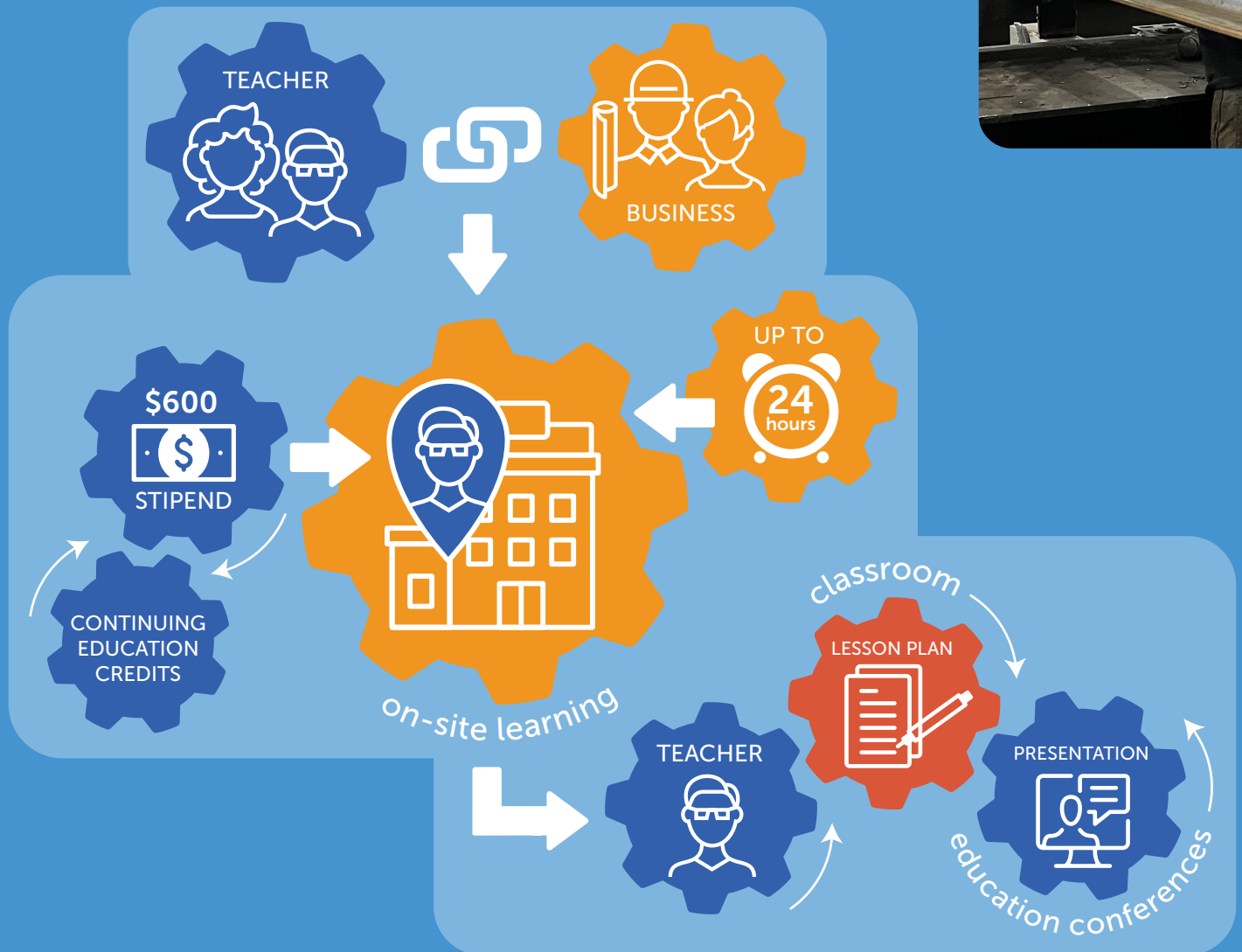
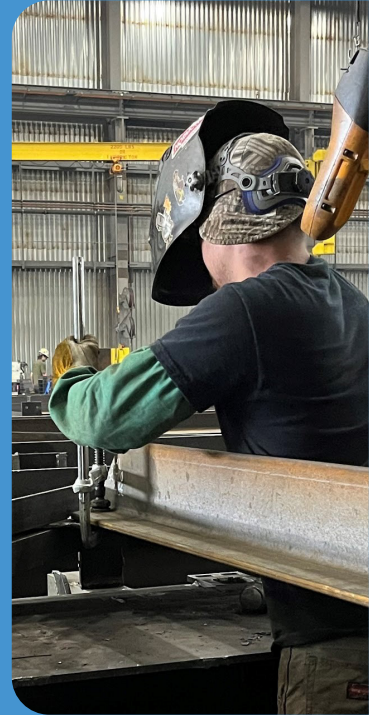


Teacher Externships



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.

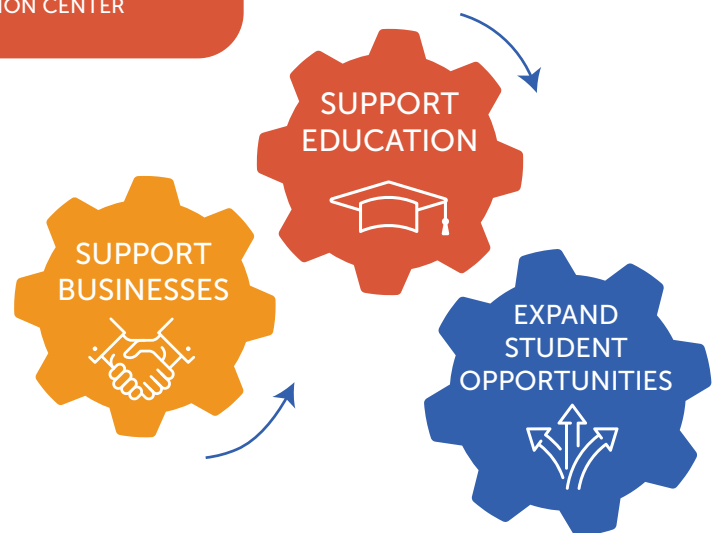


ADAM THOLT (CENTER), TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL TEACHER AT WINNETT HIGH SCHOOL, AT TUSCANO MACHINE

“ 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)

- ADF International, Inc.
- Applied Materials
- Deer Lodge Medical
- Diversified Plastics
- HE Parts International
- Intermountain Health
- Mystery Ranch
- Nomad Global Communications
- PureView
- Red Oxx Manufacturing, Inc.
- Spark R&D
- Tuscano Machine
- West Paw
- Wheat Montana
- Wood's Powr-Grip

Learn More About the Experience from the Teachers

Christine Simonsen Billings Career Center Biomed/Health Science Teacher

Simonsen spent three days shadowing multiple careers in the operating department at Intermountain Health.

"I truly enjoyed being able to observe these medical professionals at work in-person and being able to ask them questions in the moment. A video on the internet about a career can only show and share so much, but to be able to observe along-side a medical healthcare professional is invaluable," said Simonsen. "When the professionals realized the impact they could have on my students, they were so receptive to speaking freely with me."

“ Any teacher who wants to expand their teaching should join this because it will open their eyes in a very useful way. ”

LAURA DEVINE
CIRCLE HIGH SCHOOL
FCS TEACHER

“ This experience was invaluable! Being able to interact with these careers and departments in-person allowed for two-way conversation that can't be beat. ”

CHRISTINE SIMONSEN
BILLINGS CAREER CENTER
BIOMED/HEALTH TEACHER

Laura Devine Circle High School Family and Consumer Services Teacher

Devine completed an externship at ADF International.

ADF fabricates and installs complex metal structures, heavy steel built-ups, and architectural metalwork, in Great Falls.

"I think one of the best parts of the program was the connections formed. We discussed soft skills, hard skills, job opportunities, and how different school subjects are extended into the work place. In this externship I was able to bring back a lot of ideas. With being in such a rural area it was awesome to be placed in a trade-based career," said Devine. "I thought I already knew about trades careers and how to implement them into my classroom, but I realized that there was far more."



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Why Now?

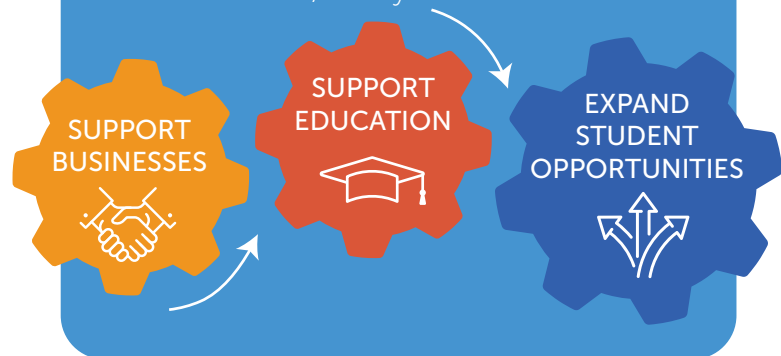
Work-based learning opportunities span a continuum from workplace tours to youth apprenticeship (and many models in between). While large employers may have the capacity to offer work-based learning experiences for students, small employers often become quickly overwhelmed trying to navigate work-based learning.

From a policy perspective, 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, and limited coordination across agencies.



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, determined to work together to find a better way to ensure Montana students, educators, and businesses are supported by high-quality, accessible, relevant, and measurable work-based learning opportunities.

Get Involved

Reach Higher Montana (RHM), a statewide nonprofit organization working at the intersection of education and careers, is the backbone for this work. RHM provides coordination, bridges connections, and focuses on long-term and system-wide outcomes.

To learn more or to join the Collaborative, contact us at growley@ReachHigherMontana.org

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