

# Options for Work Based Learning Programming

## Pathways for Students to Participate in WBL

Work-based learning is a **structured** program which provides students with instruction at school and the work-site.

WBL experiences help students gain work skills in preparation for the workforce.

### PROCESS



NLSEC WBL Coordinators, along with other agencies, such as, VRS or JET can support students with work experiences.

**HOWEVER**, NLSEC WBL Coordinators **must** be the first person contacted for any work experience (even if VRS or JET is proposed or already on board).

All 3 of these programs can run simultaneously together to support a student.

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### NLSEC

- Voluntary Referral/Application Process
- Strictly students with disabilities, ages 16+
- May earn academic credit for their work experience
- Can include; job shadows, pre-employment skill building, career exploration, internships, field trips, leadership/service learning, paid and un-paid work experience

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### VOC. REHAB. SERV. (VRS)

- Voluntary Referral/Application Process
- Ages 14+
- Strictly works with individuals with disabilities.
- 9th/10th Grade -Career Services (Pre-ETS)
  - job exploration counseling, post-secondary education counseling, workplace readiness training, self-advocacy instruction, paid work based experiences.
- 11th/12th Grade -Gen./Adult Services
  - job coaching, job placement, post secondary support options

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### NE MN OFFICE OF JOB TRAINING (JET)

- Voluntary Referral/Application Process
- Works with homelessness, low income, teen parent, or disabled..., ages 14-24.
- career exploration/guidance, job shadows, occupational skills training, apprenticeships, post-secondary training/exploration, drop-out prevention, leadership opportunities, mentoring, financial assistance, financial literacy, etc
- paid and unpaid work experiences