## **Work-Based Learning Opportunities in Virginia**

Work-Based Learning (WBL) is comprised of experiences related to students’ career interests, based on instructional preparation, and undertaken in partnership with local businesses or organizations. WBL enables students to apply classroom instruction in a real-world work environment. There are 11 WBL methods of instruction practiced in Virginia.

WBL promotes the following:

* Career Awareness
* Career Exploration
* Career Preparation

| **WBL Experience** | **Training agreement** | **Training plan** | **Suggested Grade levels** | **Related CTE instruction** | **Minimum duration** | **Paid option** | **Credit option** |
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| **Job Shadowing** | ✓ |  | 6-12 | ✓ | Varies by type |  |  |
| **Service Learning** | ✓ |  | 6-12 | ✓ | Varies by type |  |  |
| **Mentorship** | ✓ |  | 6-12 | ✓ | Course duration or 140 hours for .5 credit option |  | ✓ |
| **Externship** | ✓ |  | 6-12 | ✓ | 40 hours |  |  |
| **School-Based Enterprise** | ✓ |  | 6-12 | ✓ | Course duration | ✓ |  |
| **Internship** | ✓ | ✓ | 11-12 | ✓ | Course duration or 280 hours for 1 credit option | ✓ | ✓ |
| **Entrepreneurship** | ✓ |  | 11-12 | ✓ | Varies by type | ✓ |  |
| **Clinical Experience** | ✓ |  | 11-12 | ✓ | Varies by type |  |  |
| **Cooperative Education** | ✓ | ✓ | 11-12 | ✓ | 280 hours for 1 credit option | ✓ | ✓ |
| **Youth Registered Apprenticeship** | ✓ |  | 11-12 | ✓ | 280 hours for 1 credit option | ✓ | ✓ |
| **Registered Apprenticeship** | ✓ |  | 11-12 | ✓ | 144 hrs. RTI per  2,000 hrs. OJT | ✓ |  |