

# Fact Sheet

## What is Work Based Learning?

The Work Based Learning Program (WBL) is an opportunity for students to explore career interests and gain valuable work experience while in high school. Work Based Learning is a vital component of Career Related Education (CRE) and Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) programs.

Students participating in WBL experiences gain more information about career areas of interest and are able to make better decisions when planning for college and/or their future careers.

It is our goal for CHS students to use the information gained from their WBL experience to ensure a smooth transition from high school to post-secondary education or the workplace.

**Students begin to make the connection between their school work and how it applies to life outside of school.**

## How does WBL work?

Arrangements are made between a business/industry partner and the school to release students during school hours for structured learning on the job site. Mentors and supervisors on the job work together with the Work Based Learning Coordinator to assure a successful work-based experience.

## The Employer Benefits with the WBL Program

- ◆ Offers a source of skilled future employees
- ◆ Reduces the costs of recruitment and training
- ◆ Improves employee retention
- ◆ Opportunity to provide community services
- ◆ Increases employer visibility in the community
- ◆ Encourages involvement in the curriculum development process
- ◆ Helps improve school attendance and reduce discipline issues

**Interested in offering CHS students the opportunity to work for your company? Contact the WBL Coordinator, Ms. Shannon Boyer at 770-606-3320 for more information.**



**Employers**