

# Work-Based Learning for Exceptional Students

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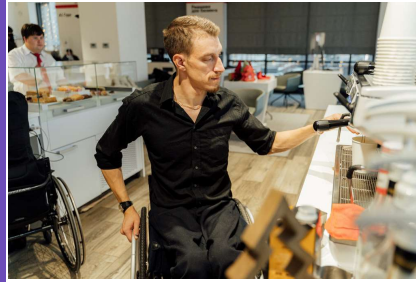


## What is Work-Based Learning?

- Work-Based Learning is an educational strategy that offers students an opportunity to reinforce and deepen their classroom learning, explore future career fields and demonstrate their work skills in an authentic setting.



# Why Work-Based Learning Matters



Change is the end result  
of all true learning



## Benefits for Students

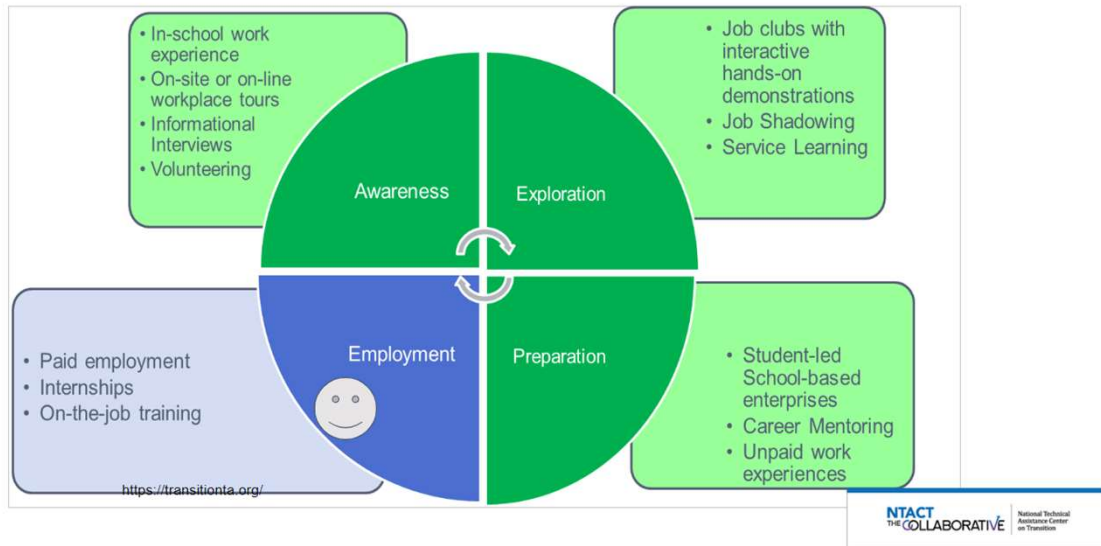
- Gain practical skills,
- Explore career interests,
- Develop professional networks.



## Preparation for Future Success

- Enhance employability,
- Increase job readiness,
- Foster independence.

## WBLE Continuum of Services



## Ask Your School!



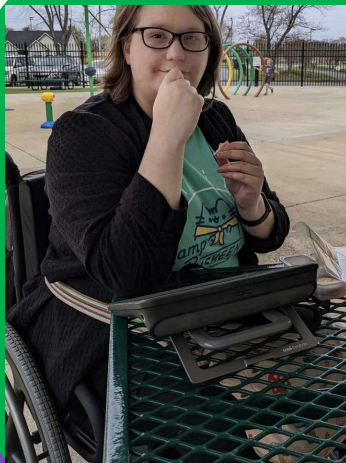
Schedule a meeting with your IEP Team and/or School Administrator



Ask about existing programs or opportunities at the school that would fit your child's desire for work exploration



## Supporting Your Child

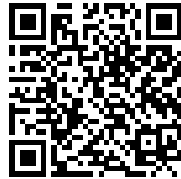


### Tips for parents to support their child's work-based learning experience:

- Encourage independence and self-advocacy
- Encourage and support your child to be in their IEP meeting and voice their needs
- Provide emotional support and encouragement.
- Celebrate their achievements and milestones.

# Resources

[Hawaii State Transition Website](#)



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