Extended Learning Opportunity Types

Career Quest

The goal of a career and college ELO quest is to provide a student with a short experience which will deepen their understanding of a particular career. Intended for students who want to investigate a company as a first step in potentially establishing a longer-term professional experience. In terms of activity during this quest, the job site can either have a student observe for the duration or they can organize learning activities or have a student complete job tasks. A career quest ELO usually has several shadow experiences that are linked together within a common career field in order to create a meaningful experience over a quarter or semester in combination with exploring associated job skills and tutorials online.

Work Based Learning

Work based learning is a for-credit and for-pay job experience. To qualify for work-based learning, a student must work at their job site for at least ten hours a week. Work-based learning does not take place during school hours, unless students have permission for early release. Students will complete an online requirement "Career Planning and Development" (EL4222) which will includes workplace trends, performing a self-assessment, job application process, resume writing, references. Students must have reliable and consistent transportation arranged and are responsible for WBL application, helping establish contact with site partners, and following through with the online requirements. The ELO Coordinator will work with employers and students to help satisfy the requirements.

Educational Leadership

The Educational Leadership field placement is a supervised practicum with a Harriet Beecher Stowe, Coffin, or Brunswick Junior High School teacher partner. Based on their choice, students will help partnering schools and teachers promote literacy skills, assist with technology, assist in learning labs, assist with study skills, math skills, physical education, mentoring arrangements, special education, art, music, or other approved semester long school based projects. Bus transportation is sometimes provided depending upon demand, otherwise, students are responsible for their own transportation and the forms and permission that go along with this. Students interested in this are encouraged to get the associated forms from Mr. Wilson.

Community Service Learning

Through performing community service, students learn as they address authentic needs in their own communities. This type of ELO provides an opportunity for students to step outside of their familiar environments and expand their horizons and experiences. Community service promotes students' sense of civic engagement and sense of self while broadening their and enriching their sense of place. Through a Community Service Learning ELO, students are encouraged to design a community service project that:

- Meets authentic needs
- Is coordinated between the school and community
- Includes and/or extends Brunswick High School curriculum and competencies

ELC - Extended Learning Class

An Extended Learning Class is a course of study, potentially not one that fits into a traditional academic curriculum, which a student pursues independently. Usually initiated by students, the ELC has a specific topic or desired outcome and is planned in collaboration with a content teacher who is responsible for the oversight, progress monitoring, and assessment of the ELC. The supervising content teacher and student determine the ELC Plan in addition to the amount of credit the student will receive for the study. ELC's provide a way for students to pursue a topic of interest or explore their interests more deeply or they may provide ways for students to creatively and independently earn credit including online learning options.