Zoom Meeting Preparation



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Alternative Education Community of Practice

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Alternative Education (AE) Spotlight



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NAEA Annual Conference

Registration is now open for the 2025 National Alternative Education Association's Annual Conference. The NAEA Annual Conference is a space dedicated to advance the field of alternative education by sharing wisdom, knowledge and expertise with other like-minded educators and leaders.

When: October 6-8

Were: New Orleans, LA

Cost: Registration \$595



Purpose/ Need

Work-based Learning

- Building strong community and talent pipelines
- Shaping occupational identities
- Engaging in real-world work environments



Meeting Outcome

By the end of the meeting, participants will be able to identify potential Work-Based Learning opportunities for students in AE settings.

Agenda:

- Overview of WBL
- **Cultivating Student Internships**
- Introduce Pilot AE Sites
- Small Group Discussion
- **Next Steps**



Types of Work-Based Learning Programs

- Internships
- Cooperative Education
- Fast Forward Registered Apprenticeship On the Job Training



Work-Based Learning Focus for AE

Student Internships



Work-Based Learning Program Pilots

- JCFA-East
- Academic Recovery Ombudsman
- St. John Alternative Program
- Tangipahoa Alternative Solutions Program
- Riverside Alternative High School



Group Discussion

- What are some potential WBL opportunities that exist? Share insight regarding some potential obstacles that may be encountered as well as possible steps that may be taken to overcome ...
- What components of the Louisiana Leader Rubric (Proficient Column 3) might be addressed during implementation of these next steps?



Apply/ Evaluate

Next Steps:

- In collaboration with leadership team (ILT meeting), identify potential WBL opportunities for students in AE settings. Share insight regarding potential obstacles that may be encountered as well as possible steps that may be taken to overcome those obstacles
- Feedback from collaboration meeting(s) (Potential WBL Business Partners)



Calendar and Topics

Month	Event
September 11	AE Monthly Call
October 6-8	2025 NAEA Conference
August - May	AE Site Visits



Questions & Feedback

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