



Skagit STEM Network

Helping our Skagit Valley students DREAM BIG!

The Skagit STEM Network started a project this fall to align the graduation-required High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) with Career Connected Learning* opportunities that are currently taking place throughout Skagit County.

The HSBP is a fantastic opportunity led by the Sedro-Woolley School District to help students identify their strengths and passions and help them find a career pathway that fits them best. The HSBP also supports the future workforce needs of businesses in our community by enabling students to come out of high school with a purpose; prepared for their post-secondary education, and ultimately a rewarding career. Additionally, educators will enjoy much more engaged students if students are able to connect their learning with their interests and careers they are working towards.

Students aligning their educational plans with career pathways available in our community is an incredible opportunity! It will take ALL of us to ensure the High School and Beyond Plan is authentic and relevant for every student. Educators can purposefully connect their instruction with student career aspirations and give students opportunities to explore a variety of career areas. Businesses can make themselves available to students through Career Connected Learning activities like Worksite Tours, Internships, Job Shadows and STEM Like Me! so students can be made aware of what jobs are available to them and have an opportunity to explore them. Most importantly of all, families play an important role in their students' HSBP process by supporting them and asking them regularly about it. So families, at your next school conference, be sure to ask about your student's High School and Beyond plan!

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Or you can always reach out to your student's school principal or counselor!

***Career Connected Learning:**

Career Connected Learning (CCL) is a continuum of awareness, exploration, preparation and work experiences developed through strong public and private partnerships. Students connect with industry professionals to develop, apply, and assess on academic, technical, trade, entrepreneurial, and 21st Century skills that support their future career success.