Why is Work-Based Learning Important?

Work-Based Learning ...

1. Makes **learning relevant** for students by connecting the curriculum to the worksite — increases students' technical and employability skills.
2. Keeps **education current** — assists with the skills gap.
3. Connects students with community professionals — assists students in developing a career network.
4. Offers **firsthand opportunities** for students to learn about unfamiliar career options — increases knowledge about high-skill, high-wage and in-demand careers.
5. Provides **realistic experiences** to assist students in making informed decisions about education options to help meet their career goals — helps save students money and deter unnecessary college loans.
6. Grows **economic opportunities** by creating local jobs and building community cooperation.

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