



Tips for Project-Based Learning

1. Use project-based learning to bring real-life applications to challenging lessons.
2. Take advantage of opportunities to participate in summer externships. They can often provide excellent insight regarding project-based learning opportunities as well as learning about how a company operates and day-to-day activities can help you with ideas for great project-based lessons.
3. Plan ahead. Project-based learning lessons can result in many years of great learning, but it does take time to fully develop this type of activity. Plan to work closely with your business partner and Talent Link staff for several months in advance of the activity.
4. Make sure students are prepared for the project-based lesson. Do they have the background knowledge needed to be successful? Do you have needed supplies on hand?
5. Provide detail about how to enter your building, and where the speaker will be presenting. Talk about the lay-out of your classroom. This may be helpful if the presenter is planning group work or interaction of some kind.
6. Prepare your students for the business person. Set clear expectations for behavior and follow through quickly if issues arise so that the person does not have to handle the problem.
7. Respect their time by carefully scheduling and confirming what will be done and when.
8. Keep information about great speakers so you can re-connect in following years.
9. Prepare students to ask good questions.
10. Send a thank you to the presenter. Better yet, have students send thank you notes or sign a card. Not only does this make the speaker's day, but it also helps students learn professional etiquette.
11. Take time to evaluate your experience.

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