

구가 Real World 가고 Learning

I've had a chance to witness students participate in work experiences that are shaping their high school experience. I personally know how much these matter in helping students to think about the variety of career possibilities that are available to them."

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Project Requirements

Client-connected projects are authentic problems which students solve in collaboration with professionals from industry, not-for-profit, or community-based organizations.

They provide students with access to industry professionals, real world problems, and essential skills. They are also one of the key work experiences that may be recognized as a Market Value Asset*.

Examples of client-connected projects can include:

□ Cyber Security class built a website for Buckner Chamber of Commerce

□ Summer students created a youth-centered product for Community America Bank

- □ Class provided focus group data for an energy drink for VML
- \Box Health students took vitals and conducted intake survey for a heart clinic at St. Lukes
- □ AND MORE!

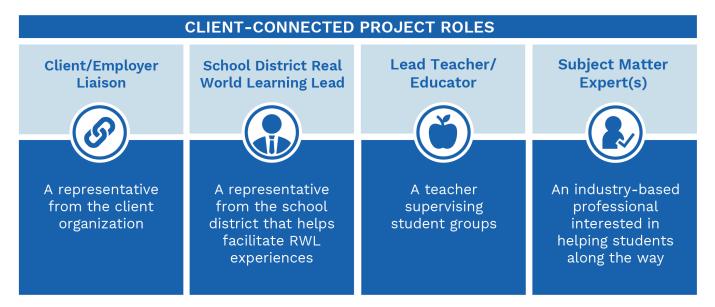
Client-Connected Projects can provide value for:

CLIENT/EMPLOYER	STUDENTS	EDUCATORS
 Access to emerging talent Increased awareness of client organization Leadership development opportunity for client/employer liaison 	 Authentic project work Increase in professional network School credit in real-world setting Potential stepping stone for future internship 	 Authentic project prompts/problems Exposure to industry trends and expectations

*a Market Value Asset is an industry valued and recognized skill that creates a seamless transition post-high school.

Who is Involved?

In **Real World Learning**, the student is at the center, but their success depends on supportive adults that guide, support, facilitate, and mentor them along their path. When creating **Client-Connected Projects**, consider these roles.



How to Get Started

To get started on the planning process, it's recommended to have some details set on the front-end of the experience:

Project Prompt | Identify a project or problem from your to-do list that a high school student (or team of students) could help tackle. Hint: Look a few notches down, for something that's relevant and needed but not time critical.

Project Description | Develop a project description and timeframe for completion.

Client Liaison | Determine who would connect with the educator and students to lay out the project, give feedback on progress, and evaluate final output. Hint: Think about individuals who are earlier in their career and interested in helping others learn and grow. Total time commitment expected – at least four hours (students will receive consistent, regular support from other adults behind the scenes).

Get Involved

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