SAMPLE - Individual Training Agreement for Paid Work-Based Learning

This is a sample form and is intended for districts to modify for their own use.

Type of Training Agreement:  ___Internship  ___Youth Apprenticeship  ___Co-operative Work Experience

Educational Objective:

Student:  ___________________________________________  Age:  _______________________

School:  ___________________________________________  Telephone Number:  _______________________

School Coordinator:  ___________________________________________

Employer/Agency:  ___________________________________________  Telephone Number:  _______________________

Employer/Agency Contact Person:  ___________________________________________

Dates:  The work-based learning will begin on  ___________ and end on  ___________.

Hours:  The hours of work will be from  ___________ to  ___________ on  ___________ (days of the week).

Wages:  Starting wages for the student will be $  ___________ per hour. The employer will determine incremental increases. A probationary period of  ____ days from the date of initial employment will exist. Continued employment will be based on a performance review. Effective July 22, 2016, vocational rehabilitation pre-employment transition services and other requirements (detailed in WIOA, 511(397)) must be provided before a student can receive sub-minimum wage.

This agreement may be terminated for any reason during the probationary period by showing good cause by the student, school district or employer. Copies of this agreement should be distributed to the student, parent/guardian, employer and the original kept on file at the school. (Attach copy of Individual Training Plan.)

Participants also agree to the following responsibilities in the implementation of this agreement:

Student Agrees to:

•  Meet the academic and attendance requirements established by the School District and employer.
•  Abide by the employer’s policies and procedures (e.g., attendance, confidentiality, accountability, safety, rules of conduct, etc.).
•  Maintain acceptable performance at school and on the job.
•  Participate in progress reviews scheduled with mentors, school personnel and/or parent/guardian; and share information of events or facts relevant to your progress in this program.
•  The release of information (e.g., progress reports, grades, work-related evaluations, and attendance reports) between school and employer while this agreement is in effect.

Student’s Signature:  ___________________________________________  Date:  ___________

Parent/Guardian of Student Agrees to:

•  Support the student in meeting the requirements of the work-based learning program.
•  Ensure transportation to and from the work site is provided when required.
•  Participate in any progress reviews scheduled with mentors, school personnel, and student; and communicate information vital to the success and development of the student.
•  The release of information (e.g., progress reports, grades, work-related evaluations, and attendance reports) between the school and employer while this agreement is in effect.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature:  ___________________________________________  Date:  ___________
School Agrees to:

- Not exclude students from participation in the work-based learning program on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, and status in regard to public assistance or any other protected groups under state, federal or local Equal Opportunity Laws.
- Support the student in meeting the requirements of the work-based learning program.
- Participate in progress reviews scheduled with mentors, student and student’s parent/guardian.
- Comply with all federal, state and local regulations.
- Place students in appropriate work-based learning programs based on tested interests, preferences, skills and needs (and described in Individual Education Program (IEP), when appropriate). Provide accommodations when required.
- Ensure employment is competitive and integrated, paying at least minimum wage, and not less than the customary wage paid by the employer. Ensure the student’s wage is paid by employer, who is not the individual’s service provider.
- Ensure work is performed in an integrated work setting typically found in a competitive labor market.
- Provide orientation to the activities/tasks and safety training, prior to placing students at a work site.
- Follow the curriculum provided for the program for all related instruction.
- Provide supervision of the student by an appropriately licensed work-based learning coordinator. Supervision cannot be outsourced to a community rehabilitation provider/agency.
- Monitor academic progress of the student to ensure high school graduation requirements are met (includes regularly scheduled telephone/on-site contact with the student and the experiential learning opportunity site).
- When needed, obtain an exemption permit from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (in collaboration with the employer) for work designated as “hazardous” for employing 14- or 15-year-olds, and/or for work hours extending after 11 p.m. and before 5 a.m. on school days for 16- and 17-year-olds. The exemption permit must be obtained before the student begins work.

School Coordinator’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Employer/Supervisor Agrees to:

- Provide a work-based learning experience and supportive supervision for the length of the agreement.
- Pay at least the state minimum wage for hours worked by the student, and issue a statement of earnings to the student.
- Provide evidence of workers’ compensation and general liability insurance coverage for the student for all paid hours worked.
- Instruct the student in the competencies identified in the training plan provided and document the student’s progress.
- Conduct progress reviews with the student (which may include the parent/guardian and school personnel) and provide copies of those reviews to the school.
- Not exclude students from participation in the opportunity on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, and status in regard to public assistance or any other protected groups under state, federal or local Equal Opportunity Laws.
- Protect the student from sexual harassment.
- Provide student with safety training, safe equipment, and a safe and healthful workplace that conforms to all health and safety standards of Federal and State Law (including the Fair Labor Standards Act, Child Labor and OSHA).
- Check box to verify completion. List date completed: ____________
- Properly train students before they operate any equipment.
- When needed, obtain an exemption permit from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (in collaboration with work-based learning coordinator) for work designated as “hazardous” for employing 14- or 15-year-olds, and/or for work hours extending after 11 p.m. and before 5 a.m. on school days for 16- and 17-year-olds. The exemption permit must be obtained before the student begins work.

Employer’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Worksite Supervisor’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________