

# Webinar Agenda: Delivering Work-Based Learning in Rural Schools

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**Wednesday, October 15, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MT**

Please join us for a webinar providing an overview of research on work-based learning (WBL), challenges to WBL implementation, and frameworks for WBL development and implementation. Steve Klein, director for the Center for School, Family, and Community at Education Northwest, will first present the research behind and rationale for developing and implementing WBL programs, the challenges faced in implementing WBL, the different types of WBL programs by locale, and the components of WBL frameworks. Then, representatives from two rural districts, Boone Central Schools in Nebraska and Grand River Technical School in Missouri, will describe the components of their programs and the opportunities they provide to students.

By participating in this webinar, you will

- understand key aspects of WBL, including challenges to implementation in rural secondary settings;
- learn how WBL frameworks can guide localities in developing such programs; and
- summarize the components of two WBL programs currently being implemented in rural districts.

## Agenda

### **11:00–11:05 a.m. Introduction to the Webinar**

*Facilitators: Douglas Van Dine and Douglas Gagnon (REL Central)*

Van Dine and Gagnon will provide an overview of the webinar platform features, the Rural Education Research Alliance, and the webinar goals. They will also introduce the speakers.

### **11:05–11:15 a.m. What Is Work-Based Learning?**



*Presenter: Steve Klein (Education Northwest)*

Klein will introduce the research behind and the rationale for WBL programs, strategies for offering WBL, and the potential benefits of WBL for students. Participants will respond to a poll on the WBL options they offer students and the challenges they face in offering WBL options.

### **11:15–11:25 a.m. Delivery Challenges**

*Presenter: Steve Klein*

Klein will explain delivery challenges for WBL, both those in general and those specific to rural areas. He will also offer a comparison of WBL programs by locale. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

### **11:25–11:35 a.m. Frameworks**

*Presenter: Steve Klein*

Klein will provide an overview of the components of a WBL framework in secondary settings. He will also share examples of state and national frameworks. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

### **11:35–11:52 a.m. Litton Agri-Science Learning Center**

*Facilitator: Douglas Gagnon*

*Presenter: Neal Wolf (Grand River Technical School)*

Wolf will familiarize participants with a program in a rural Missouri district, identified as a promising example of WBL. He will provide an overview of the key components of the WBL program in his school, a description of students' experience in the program, and a summary of challenges faced and lessons learned. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

### **11:52 a.m.–12:09 p.m. Boone Central Academies**

*Facilitator: Douglas Gagnon*

*Presenter: Sarah Bird (Boone Central Schools)*

Bird will familiarize participants with a program in a rural Nebraska district, identified as a promising example of WBL. She will provide an overview of the key components of the WBL program in her school, a description of students' experience in the program, and a summary of challenges faced and lessons learned. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

### **12:09–12:15 p.m. Closing**

*Facilitator: Douglas Gagnon*



Gagnon will close the presentation by thanking the presenters and participants and providing information on how to access the webinar resources and recording. Participants will take a brief feedback survey to help improve future webinars.

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