

Workplace Tours & Classroom Demonstrations

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Classroom Demonstrations

Classroom demonstrations, a standard component of courses in schools, are commonly believed to help students learn and to stimulate student interest. Demonstrations and hands-on interactive activities are among students' favorite elements of introductory courses. Instructors are responsible for the safety of all participants. Education research shows that most students learn more from instruction that actively engages them rather than traditional instruction methods in which they are passive spectators. Several instructional approaches are implemented and designed to actively engage students. Many of the most successful approaches consist of a set of carefully refined student activities designed to address student difficulties with the material. By increasing student engagement through classroom demonstrations, learning and information retention is enhanced.

Workplace Tours

A workplace tour is a career awareness activity, in which students visit a workplace to learn about a business, meet employees, ask questions and observe work in progress. The tour is conducted at a worksite for small groups of students and should involve preparation in the classroom as well as research by the students. Workplace tours are designed to promote exposure to careers and jobs while building occupational knowledge. Successful tours ensure the support of curriculum goals. Tours should allow for student exposure to all aspects of the industry and to prepare students for the realities of the work environment. All workplace tours should include structured activity before, during and after the experience. These activities ensure that all involved parties have meaningful, productive experiences resulting in enriched student learning. Proper planning and preparation, attention to legal and safety details, maximization of learning potential and communication and support for the student and workplace host will help ensure success.

Included below are some helpful forms to use when holding a classroom demonstration or workplace tour.

Permission Slip

Click on the icon for an example permission slip.

Worksite Qualification Form

Click on the icon for an example worksite qualification form.

Field Trip Checklist

Click on the icon for an example field trip checklist.

Request for Student Absence

Click on the icon for an example request for student absence form.

Field Trip (School Specific) Checklist

Click on the icon for an example field trip checklist. This example is school specific.

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