

What is an Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)?



The ELO Program in SAU #9 is an opportunity for students to explore and receive credit for extended learning activities outside the traditional classroom. These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Internships
- Work co-ops
- Job shadows
- Community service
- Independent study
- VLACs courses
- Running Start courses
- College courses

The granting of credit is based on students' successfully demonstrating mastery of the identified competencies as approved by certified personnel. ELOs have **four** general components:

- Research
- Reflection
- Product
- Presentation



ELO Procedures

Step 1: Student makes an appointment with ELO Coordinator to brainstorm ideas and form learning goals

Step 2: Student fills out ELO Application and Plan. The ELO Coordinator goes over the requirements of the ELO (Research, Reflection, Product, Presentation) at this time.

Step 3: If applicable, Student, ELO Coordinator and partnering teacher meet to go over which competencies the ELO will address.

Step 4: ELO Coordinator and Student identify possible business/community partners.

Step 5: ELO Coordinator and/or student reaches out to the business. If the business isn't pre-approved by the Department of Labor, the ELO Coordinator submits the relevant paperwork for approval.

Step 6: Student fills out and gets signatures for permissions paperwork: parent permissions, teacher recommendation, Mutual Expectations Form

Step 7: If this is an ELO for a core class, a meeting is set up with appropriate classroom teacher

Step 8: If student will be leaving school during the school day, ELO Coordinator alerts appropriate school staff.

Step 9: The student begins the ELO

ELO's ARE:

- Student driven based on student interests
- Rigorous
- Career experiences in addition to the required academic classes
- Structured; students must follow specific guidelines and expectations at school and business site to obtain credit
- Available to students throughout the year

ELO's ARE NOT:

- Intended to be an easy way for students to achieve credit
- Always held within school hours

