

Information for guardians

Work experience programmes – important preparation for working life and further studies

Your child will soon be embarking upon a work experience programme.

Work experience programmes allow students to try out jobs in a real place of work. All students in primary and lower-secondary schools, special schools and special primary and lower-secondary schools are required to complete work experience programmes in Year 8 and/or 9. The Swedish Education Act requires this.

It is important for your child to learn all about the labour market and gain experience of various professions and industries to help them make good choices for the future. Work experience programmes can help your child to find out what skills and abilities are needed in the world of work. Taking the initiative and accepting responsibility are examples of such skills. This is why all students should complete work experience programmes.

The school and the place of work cooperate to ensure that your child's work experience placement is appropriate and safe for them. This may, for example, include appointing a supervisor to help your child in the workplace and making sure that employers follow the applicable rules on working hours and the working environment. Your child will be insured through the school during their work experience placement.

The school is responsible for ensuring that your child is well prepared for their placement. Students are often given tasks to report on when they return to school. This helps them to learn about other professions and places of work from their classmates.

Please contact the school's career guidance counsellor or a teacher if you would like to know more about work experience programmes.

Contact person at the school

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