



Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative

Mission & Vision

The Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative strengthens diverse communities by providing pathways in career readiness and higher education for students to build 21st-century skills and economically viable futures.

Bringing students' futures to life

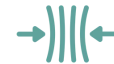
Core Values



Student Focused



Abundance Partnerships



Adaptable Solutions



Community Driven



Collective Integrity



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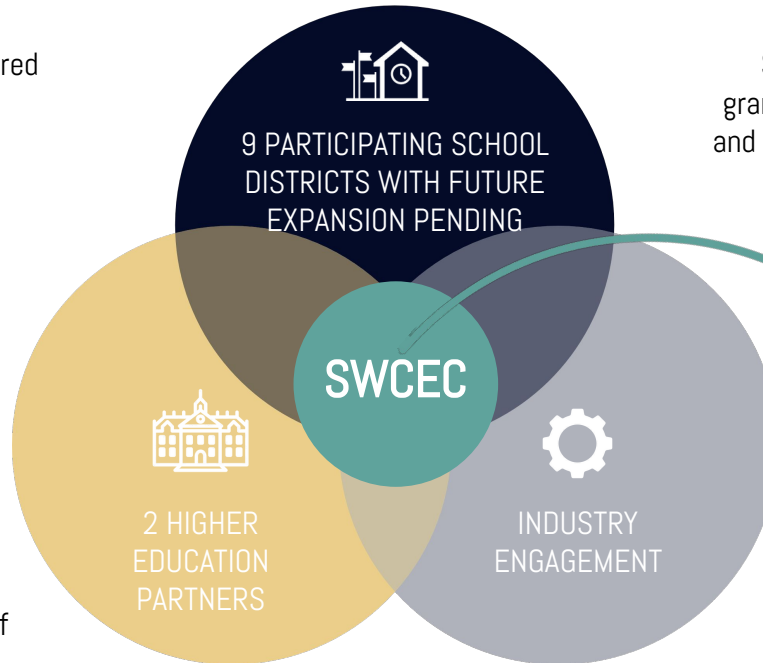
CAREER PATHWAYS

The Collaborative organizes five shared pathways:

- BUILDING TRADES
- ENVIRONMENTAL
- HEALTH SCIENCES
- EDUCATOR
- HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

PATHWAY FEATURES

Pathways feature CTE and concurrent enrollment courses, mobile learning labs, and a variety of work-based learning opportunities.



INITIAL FUNDING

SWCEC was awarded the largest RISE grant in Colorado for \$3.6 million in 2020, and a Rural CoAction grant for \$1.9 million in 2022

NONPROFIT GOVERNANCE

Centralizing non profit with full time employees and Board of Directors



Educator Film: Career Changes



Job Shadow Celebrations!



Futures Fair & Hire Me Fair Celebrations!

Futures Fair: Recap

Attendance: Over 200 students and 80 industry partners

Student Feedback:

- 85% expressed they increased their awareness of career opportunities
- 78% said they found a job/industry they were interested in at the event
- 75% expressed interest in internships
- 67% felt they learned about higher education opportunities



Hire Me Fair: Recap

Attendance: 83 Seniors with 25 industry partners

Student & Industry Feedback:

- 75% felt prepared for interviews
- 67% felt this event made them more confident highlighting their strengths
- 71% found a career/industry they were interested in
- 96% felt this event was good interview practice for future
- *(industry survey results still coming in)*



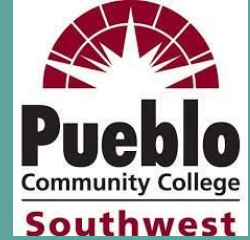
Summer Institutes



Health Careers Institute
June 4-7, 2024
Fort Lewis College



ECI
June 10-14, 2024
Fort Lewis College



Behind the Drywall
June 3-7
PCC - Mancos

Shared Course Registration is **live!** Now what?

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School Year 2023-24 Shared Course Guide

For counselors, students, and families

V2 Updated May 2023



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What is the Collaborative?

The Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative, "the Collaborative" is a first-of-its-kind model in Colorado aimed towards improving educational opportunities for rural students in the Southwest. Formed in 2021, the Collaborative is a partnership between 9 school districts across 5 counties and two higher education institutions (Pueblo Community College and Fort Lewis College).

What are the benefits?

In addition to expanding students college and CTE credit taking opportunities, the Collaborative partners with local businesses to provide a variety of work based learning and summer opportunities, & offers access to mobile learning labs and equipment that transcend traditional brick-and-mortar learning.

<http://tinyurl.com/SWCECCounselorToolkit>

Shared Equipment



Professional Development with Teachers





Career Launch

SOUTHWEST

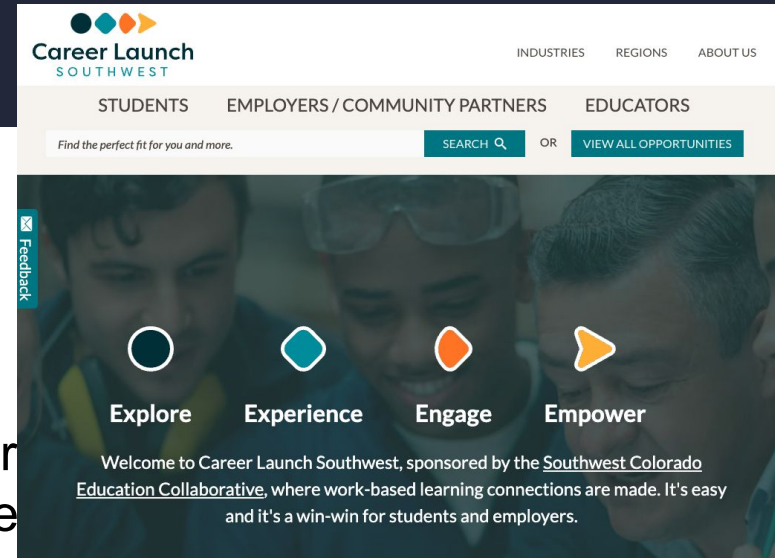


CareerLaunch Southwest

WHAT?

Career Launch Southwest (CLSW) is a virtual tool sponsored by the **Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative** that connects industry with our region's students to promote workforce development.

Any business or organization that wants to participate to help expand work based learning opportunities in Southwest Colorado is eligible to participate.



CareerLaunch Southwest

WHY?

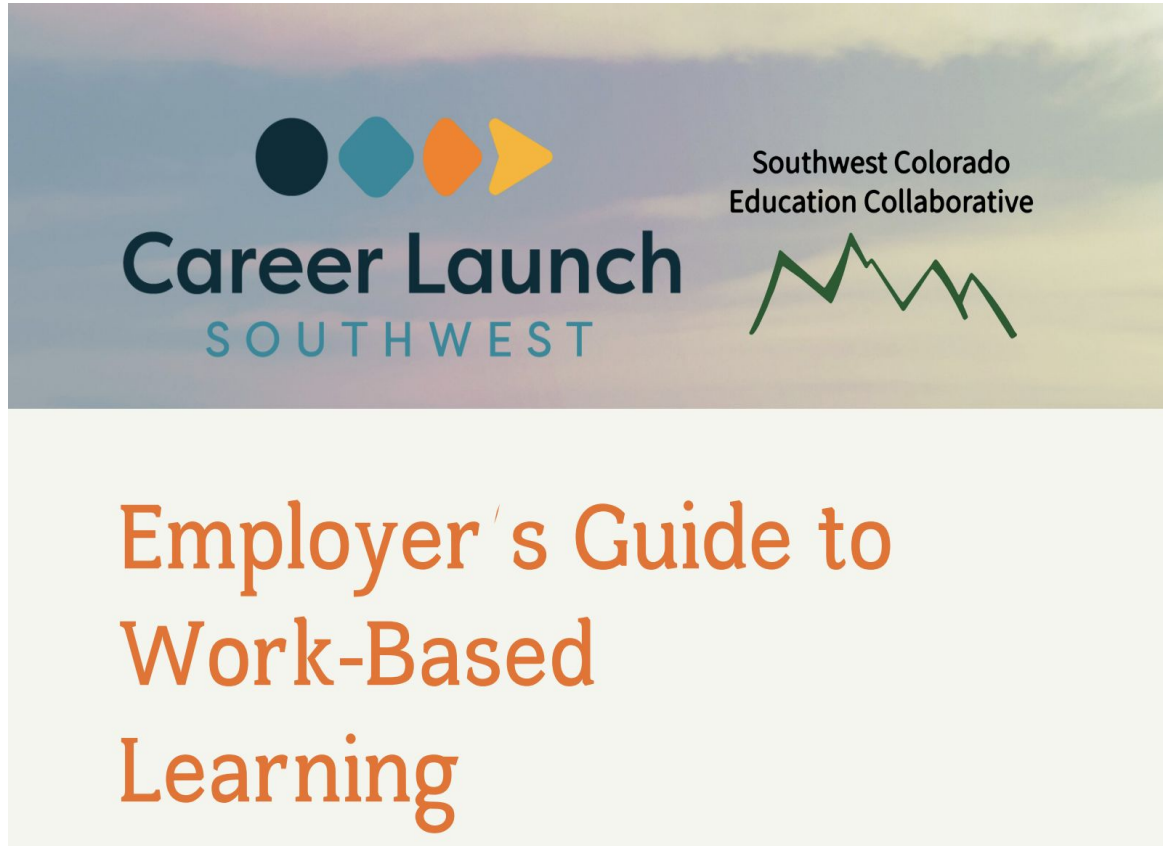
- Develop Colorado's talent pipeline and grow the awareness and skills that young people need to achieve greater success in life
- Build positive exposure for your business or organization
- Participate in cross-sector partnerships that bridge the gaps between schools, post-secondary & higher education, and career



What is Work-Based Learning (WBL)?

We have a guide for employers on how to engage with students in work-based learning.

Our team can do an information session or training with your team!



Take Action!

2 Minutes

1. Register! CAREERLAUNCHSW.ORG

2. Build a profile for your business!

3. Post a WBL Opportunity!

Build
Workforce!

Contact Us!

Reach out to our team with any questions or for more information!

info@careerlaunchsw.org

Help us reach more industry partners! Please pass on our postcards and flyers and let us know if we can present or connect!

