



COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

Community Classroom is an instructional methodology that utilizes unpaid on-the-job training experiences at business, industry and public agency sites to assist students in acquiring the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to acquire entry-level employment.

Scope

The intent of Community Classroom is to provide additional resources and support so that concurrent, formalized classroom instruction can be extended to the workplace and enhance the acquisition of marketable skills by students. Community Classroom work-based learning experiences are directly connected to classroom instruction.

Community Classroom includes a career technical education course which may utilize the facilities and equipment of a public agency or private business to provide students the opportunity to expand the competencies developed in class through unpaid on-the-job experiences. The curriculum for a Community Classroom course focuses on the knowledge and skills needed for employment and provides instruction both in the classroom and through the unpaid training station. A course outline or training plan that identifies the length of time spent in the classroom and at the training site is used to support a connected and integrated curriculum.

Students earn grades and credit when they receive satisfactory evaluations of their participation in:

- Related classroom instruction, which is the responsibility of the Community Classroom teacher; and
- The unpaid training station, which is the responsibility of the teacher with the assistance of the management of the Community Classroom worksite.

Regulatory Authority

Community Classrooms are supported by *CA Education Code Section 52372.1* and are most commonly associated with Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCPs).

Source: *Work-Based Learning Guide*, California Department of Education, 1998 and CA Education Code.

For more information visit:

California Department of Education

<http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Law, Education and Labor Code

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>