The Spark

Teacher Tap In



Walton Works partners signed currently up for the Career Connections Expo:

HENDERSON FAB

JB STEEL ERECTORS

Leggett & Platt

Piedmont WALTON

RIVIAN

Over 720 students attended last year's event!

FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR COMMUNITY CONTACTS TO SIGN UP TO SHOWCASE THEIR CAREERS!

www.waltonchamber.org/events/2025-careerexpo/register

or email Dessa@choosewalton.com

Up First

Workforce Events

Teachers love knowing about events in advance so for the second year in a row we have put together a postcard with the year's events that are in partnership with Walton Works. Go ahead and put these dates on your calendars so you can keep it on your radar as applicable!

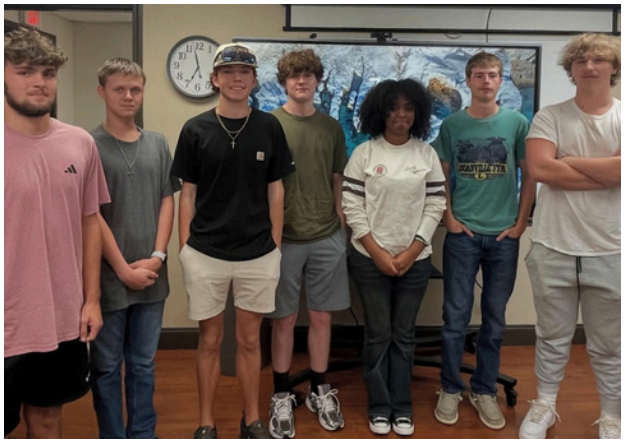
This graphic has also been turned into posters for the high schools in their branded colors. If you would like the digital copy of your school's poster, please email JAMI@CHOOSEWALTON.COM to get your digital copy!



Work-Based Learning



Astemo brings back Work-Based Learning and hires 4 local students!



Students from local high schools participate in the return of the Walton County Fire Internship!

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Work-Based Learning (WBL) programs let high school students gain real-world work experience while earning academic credit. It connects classroom learning with part-time jobs in industries aligned with students' career interests, helping them build skills and prepare for their futures.



424 students

Fall 2026

221 companies











Current Industry WBL Partners

AMERICAN BOILERHOUSE Since 1985

Astemo Mobility Beyond

CATERPILLAR

The City of Monroe Georgia It's All Yours

City of Walnut Grove est. 1905 Crossroads to Tomorrow

ERSNELL

MEB Paving Est. 1995

Piedmont Walton

SMI Southern Metalcraft Inc

SCC Standridge Color Corporation

Walton County Fire Rescue Est. 1986 GA

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The Return

WWE The Challenge Returns!







Last year was the inaugural year of what became known as the Smackdown, but is really the Walton Works Employability (WWE) Challenge. This was a competition between high schools where points were earned for employability activities such as resume workshops, mock interview bootcamps, attendance at the different events throughout the year, classroom career guest speakers, etc. WE ARE BRINGING IT BACK! The winning school's principal will receive the WWE Challenge belt and the staff will receive a food truck catered by Walton Works.

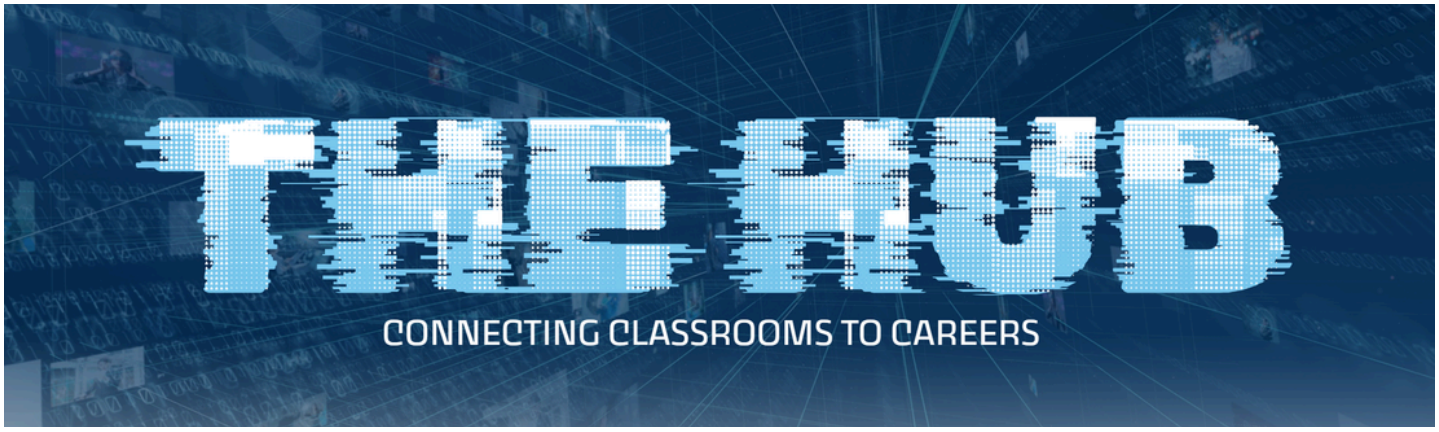
WAYS TO GET POINTS

Have any other ideas? Share them with us for the Commissioner of the Clash to award points!

Newsletters
Juniors & seniors attend Career Connections Expo
Seniors attend Job Fair
Big Hire
Industry/ Career guest speakers
Resume Bootcamp
Mock Interview Event
Employability activities
Employability social media posts
Hall signage (employability/career opportunities)
Class signage (employability/career opportunities)
Morning video announcements commercials
School accounts follow us
Tag us in your social media posts

Email JAMI@CHOOSEWALTON.COM to notify of eligible events for points!

Resource



The HUB is your go-to resource center, offering access to proven school-based activities, upcoming workforce event dates, promotional graphics, logos, and other useful tools to support your student engagement efforts.

Below are the buttons that are located on The Hub as easy resource options:



Do you have something AMAZING that you would love to seen shared?

I bet you would get points for your school!

Email suggestions, projects, lessons, activities, etc. to

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