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Washington already has state MBL policies on which to build:

- Definition of a credit unrelated to seat-time
- District waivers of credit graduation requirements
- Credit for learning that takes place outside a classroom
- Middle school students earning high school credit
- Dual enrollment and early college programs
- State Board of Education (SBE) Rules, Guidance, and Handbook on mastery-based crediting
- The Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) has model policies that school boards can adopt that permit mastery-based credit
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CTE Challenge: Tiny houses
Apprenticeships
Dual credit classes
Students solve real-world problems like Discovery High School
Cultural experiences where learning occurs, like the Salish canoe journey
Core Plus
Internships
Seal of Biliteracy
Interdisciplinary projects used at He-La Health & Bioscience HS
FIRST Robotics
Future Work and Actions by the MBL Work Group

Recommendations to address barriers to MBL are under development:

- High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)
  - Support school counselors
  - Professional development for educators to support HSBP
  - Make the HSBP more meaningful for students

- Develop Washington Profile of a Graduate
  - Align graduation requirements to support MBL

- Develop Supports for MBL Implementation
  - State and regional support structure
  - State policy framework for a MBL diploma
Resources

- **MBL Work Group** Authorizing Legislation: E2SHB 1599 Sec. 301
- **Innovative Learning Pilot** Authorizing Legislation: SSB 6521

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- **State Board of Education (SBE) Rules, Guidance and Handbook** on mastery-based crediting.
- **Washington’s MBL One Pager**
QUESTIONS?