



YST Employer Approval

The goal of the YST program is to provide 16-17-year-old student learners with safe, healthy and meaningful paid work experience in high-growth, high-demand and living-wage industries. Program and employer approval through the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) is required prior to student learners participating in a YST paid work experience.

Purpose of a YST safety meeting:

- To review and approve employers as a Youth Skills Training (YST) site
- To evaluate machines/tools/equipment for YST paid work experiences
- To place student learners in safe, healthy and meaningful work environments

Benefits of a YST safety meeting:

- Determine machines/tools/equipment allowed for YST student learner use at employer sites
- Improve efficiency and reduce the amount of paperwork required for YST employer approval
- Discover free services and resources provided to employers
- Learn about matching grant funding for safety improvements to your facility
- Recognize employers who provide safe and healthy work environments

A YST safety meeting is not:

- The YST safety meeting is not an OSHA inspection
- The YST safety meeting will not result in citations or fines
- The YST safety meeting will not trigger inspections from OSHA
- The YST safety meeting is not entered into a data base or recorded for any purpose other than YST employer approval

*For further information about the YST program, please visit www.dli.mn.gov/yst.
Contact Rich Wessels with any questions or concerns.*

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