

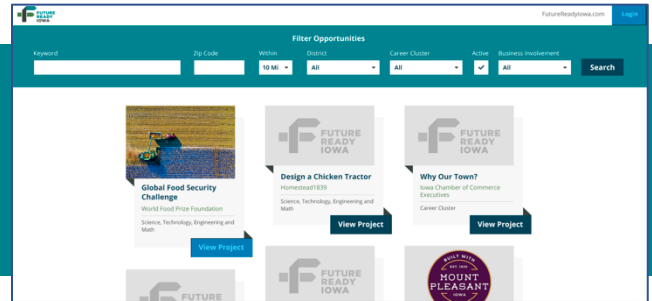


The Future Ready Iowa Clearinghouse for work-based learning is almost here! We are excited for our launch in July, and **we want you to be a part!**

Your organization is a key component to our state and a potentially valuable partner for schools to engage in authentic learning. We want to work with you so that your organization can have a presence on the project-board.

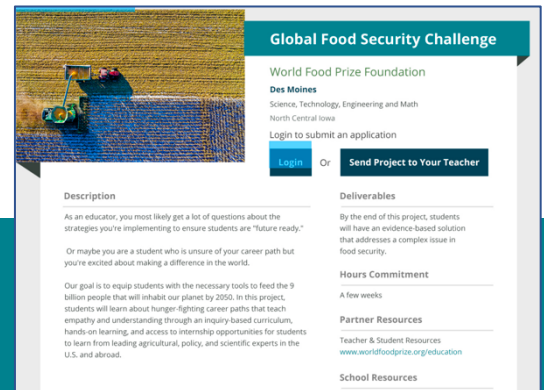
What are Authentic Projects?

They are student-led projects, done in conjunction with real-world business/community partners, developing real-world skills, done in a real-world setting, delivery a real-world product. They are designed around problems that business/community partners face on a daily basis.



How does the Clearinghouse work?

Partners propose project opportunities to the Clearinghouse. Once those are verified, partners decide when to make their opportunities visible. Students peruse the board looking for a match with their learning goals and (through their cooperating teacher) then apply for a project. From their dashboard, partners can approve or deny the requests. Once projects are complete, partners can close out the project listing, showcasing student work.

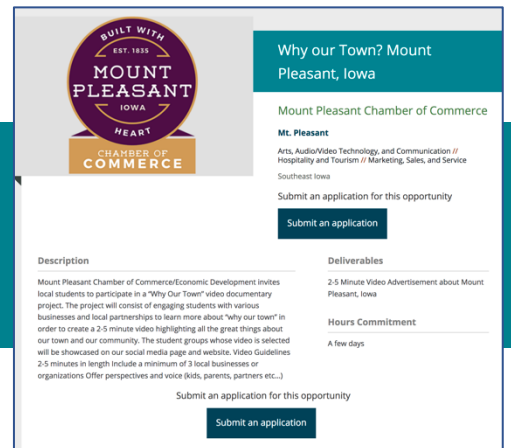


But, I don't know how to create a project opportunity!

No problem! We are here to support. We have project templates that are available for partners to adopt or adapt. We also have regional think tanks to help you grow your own unique ideas. And most importantly, our Project Manager Jake Welchans can help you 1-on-1 develop your own project to get you started.

How long does it take to develop a project opportunity?

Though all situations vary, Jake can often work with a partner to develop a project in under two hours.



What is the partner commitment once the opportunity is listed?

This can vary too. For some, it can be a weekly check-in visit. For some, not as frequent. The visits could be done at the partner's location, the school, or virtually. And for some, a partner can suggest the idea without committing to further involvement. We can work with you to find your fit.

What if I want to work with just my local school?

The Clearinghouse supports this! You can restrict opportunities to specific districts that you would like. As a benefit, your opportunity might serve as a template for a partner in a different part of the state.

What if my project opportunity isn't chosen?

Well... that can happen. Our team of consultants are working with schools to help get generate more interest in work-based learning. But, we can also help you revise an opportunity listing if it isn't getting traction.

Are projects the only way for partners to get involved?

Not at all! You can indicate your interest to work with schools in other capacities as well, including things like job shadowing, career fairs, guest speakers, and internships.

This sounds great! How do I get started?

Our website will be going live this April, ahead of the clearinghouse launch in July. Contact Jake Welchans for more information.

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