

## Exploring the Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning Ambassador's Kit

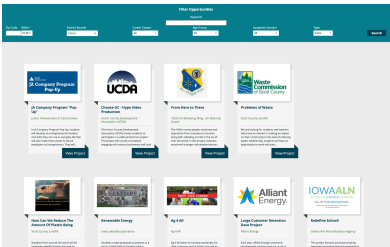


### Resource Overview

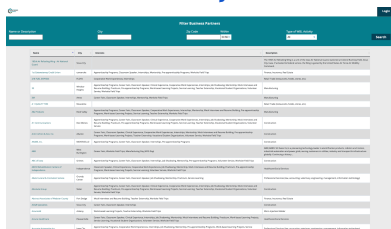
Iowa Department of Education, AEA Learning Online, and the Iowa Workforce Development partnered together to bring students and educators the **Iowa Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning (WBL)**. The Clearinghouse for WBL connects students and employers through shared projects that give students professional experience. This can include virtual projects, internships, and apprenticeships. A project is defined as any assigned task in which students take ownership of researching and creating a tangible service or product that they deliver to the employer.

Check out the Clearinghouse for WBL annual reports:

- [2020 Annual Report](#)
- [2021 Annual Report](#)

Resources	Description	Notes
<p><a href="#">Clearinghouse for WBL Project Board</a></p> 	<p>The project board helps connect educators and students to projects available statewide or locally with area business partners. These projects are authentic to the partners and engage students in real opportunities.</p>	<p>Projects may be used to enhance, enrich, teach to PK-12 curricular goals (general or elective courses, authentic and work-based learning programming, before/after school opportunities, extended learning opportunities, etc...)</p>

## Clearinghouse for WBL Contact Directory



The contact directory allows educators to search for business partners in their area that have indicated their interest in work-based learning opportunities for students.

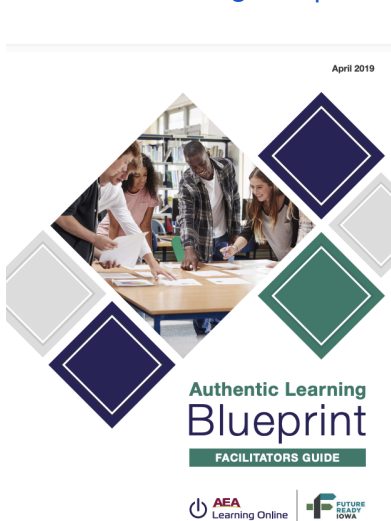
This is a great place to find statewide and local leads of partners who are interested in work-based learning opportunities with students. You can also connect with your [local intermediary](#) to get in contact with these partners.

## Business Partner Toolkit




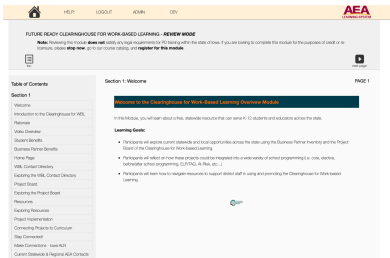
The business partner toolkit is a resource to support business partners in working with schools to create and support authentic projects.


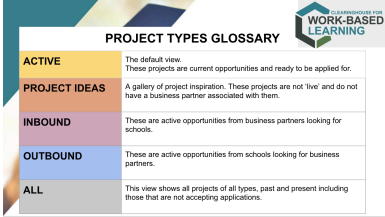
## Authentic Learning Blueprint



This blueprint is designed to guide leaders in education in decision-making around the planning and implementation of authentic learning experiences for K-12 students. This blueprint also serves as a support for practicing teachers to inspire more authentic learning opportunities as a part of core course work. Linking career awareness and exploration with academic content through real-world experiences enhances learning. This drives a student-centered, personalized approach to career

This is a great resource to read through if you are just getting started with authentic learning experiences for students. *(Current version captures examples through 2019)*

	preparedness through core content engagement. An important principle worth noting is that every community is different and each district will adapt and implement with a model that works for them.	
<p><a href="#">Authentic Learning Blueprint/ Business Partners Toolkit Post Card Hand Out</a></p> 	This is a promotional handout to promote educator and business partner support as well as navigate participants to the clearinghouse website.	This is a two-sided postcard that is great for events that have educators and business partners in attendance.
<p><a href="#">Future Ready: Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning Training Module</a></p> 	This module helps participants navigate the Clearinghouse of WBL webpage, using the Project board, and Contact Directory.	Live October 2021
<p><a href="#">Iowa Authentic Learning Network</a></p>	Join hundreds of other PK-12 educators in this support network to ask questions, share ideas, and stay informed of upcoming professional learning opportunities! The network is operated using Google Groups. Here is the short link to join the network: <a href="http://bit.ly/IowaALNgroup">http://bit.ly/IowaALNgroup</a>	
<p><a href="#">Clearinghouse for WBL ½ Day Workshop Slide Deck</a></p>	This is a great all-staff professional development that	Please note that there are templates linked into the

 <p>Today's Facilitators:</p>	<p>will take educators through the overview of the clearinghouse, provide an opportunity to engage with a scavenger hunt, and a brainstorming session on potential local projects!</p>	<p>presentation (scavenger hunt and brainstorm doc that will need to be copied over once the slide deck is copied over!</p>
<p>Project Types Explanation</p> 	<p><b>Active</b> - This is the default view. These projects are current opportunities and ready to be applied for.</p> <p><b>Project Ideas</b> - A gallery project inspiration. These projects are not “live” and do not have a business partner associated with them.</p> <p><b>Inbound</b>- These are active opportunities from business partners looking for schools.</p> <p><b>Outbound</b> - These are active opportunities from schools looking for business partners.</p>	<p>When using the navigation toolbar, be sure to explore the project types drop down. Note that that default is always set to active projects.</p>

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I get started with the Clearinghouse to launch a project?

- ☐ **Jump right in!** All you need is your **AEA Training Login Credentials** (Email and password you use for AEA training such as mandatory reporter). Once you are logged in, click on a project of interest and “submit an application”. Here you will be able to communicate with the business partner about your needs in order to implement the project.
- ☐ Not quite ready to jump in? **Connect with your [local AEA Authentic Learning Contact](#)** and let them know of your interest to get started!
- ☐ Take the [Future Ready: Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning Training Module](#) in the AEA Training System. This module will walk participants through how to use and navigate the Clearinghouse.

### Is there any support or professional learning for educators who are implementing or hoping to start implementing authentic projects?

- ☐ Yes! The [Iowa Authentic Learning Network](#) is a professional learning network that rallies around authentic learning. Join hundreds of other PK-12 educators in this support network to ask questions, share ideas, and stay informed of upcoming professional learning opportunities! The network is operated using Google Groups. Here is the short link to join the network: <http://bit.ly/iowaALNgroup>
- ☐ Check out [Iowa STEM](#) to learn more about the BEST program and learning opportunities.
- ☐ Connect with your [local AEA contact](#) to find out about what current courses are available.
- ☐ Email [lwilliams@aealearningonline.org](mailto:lwilliams@aealearningonline.org) or [jake.welchans@iowa.gov](mailto:jake.welchans@iowa.gov) to connect to current courses or opportunities related to the Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning.

### Is there funding available for creating authentic and work-based learning programming?

- ☐ Yes, Iowa's STEM Council offers annual [STEM BEST](#) awards (Businesses Engaging with Student and Teachers)

### How do we start and manage our own local district project board for our school district?

- ☐ Contact Laura Williams - [lwilliams@aealearningonline.org](mailto:lwilliams@aealearningonline.org) Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning Coordinator

### How can I onboard local partners?

- ☐ Work with your local intermediary to help connect you to partners they think may be interested in hosting a student lead project for their business or organization.
- ☐ Connect with your local [Chamber / Mainstreet / or Economic Development Group](#) to help get the word out about the Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning.
- ☐ Connect Business Partners to the following resources:
  - ☐ [Clearinghouse Overview](#) Video
  - ☐ [Signing Up](#) Video (Business Partner)
  - ☐ [Submitting a Project](#) Video
  - ☐ [Submitting a project Cheat Sheet](#)
- ☐ Work with school and community stakeholders to create an opportunity for Business Partners to learn about your school's authentic / work based-learning programming.
  - ☐ [ALN Bootcamp Examples](#)
  - ☐ [Think Tanks](#) [Sample Invite](#) & [Sample Flyer](#)

- ☐ [Lunch & Learns Sample Agenda](#)
- ☐ [Coffee Chats Sample Flyer](#)
- ☐ [Partner Palooza Video Example](#)
- ☐ [Hack-a-thons Sample Agenda](#)
- ☐ Send out invitations to your established school-community partnerships.
- ☐ [Sample Chamber/Economic Development/ Mainstreet email.](#)

### Whom can I contact if I have questions about the Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning or any of the resources listed above?

- ☐ Laura Williams - [lwilliams@aealearningonline.org](mailto:lwilliams@aealearningonline.org) Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning Coordinator
- ☐ [Local AEA Contacts](#) - Authentic Learning Support

## Video Supports

Videos	Description	Audience
<a href="#">Clearinghouse for WBL Overview</a>	This video gives an overview of what the Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning is all about featuring both teacher, students, and partner perspectives.	Educators, Business Partners, Students
<a href="#">Clearinghouse for WBL Success Stories</a>	This page on the Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning gives a wide variety of project overviews and features videos created with students, educators, and business partners.	Educators, Business Partners, Students
<a href="#">Exploring the Project Board</a>	This video will show you what features the searchable project board has to find the right project for you!	Educators, Students
<a href="#">Using the Clearinghouse for Work-based Learning to</a>	Mallory Hanson, Director of Fayette County Economic	Business Partners

<a href="#">Streamline your Talent Pipeline Webinar</a>	Development and Tourism, shares her experience with using the Clearinghouse for WBL to connect area partners to area youth for authentic projects.	
<a href="#">District Project Board Feature</a>	This video walks through the latest functionality of the District Project board option for schools to create their own local project board!	Educators

## Branding

[Clearinghouse for WBL Logo](#) (png)