1C1. Students with an EDGE: Community Partnerships that Support All Learners

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Why leverage partnerships?

**Fact:** Less than 20 percent of American jobs at the close of the 20th century required unskilled workers (Stuart & Dahm, 1999).

**Fact:** The goal of Future Ready Iowa is for 70 percent of Iowa’s workforce to have education or training beyond high school by 2025 (Future Ready Iowa, 2017).

**Fact:** Work-based learning benefits include connections between classroom and real-world learning, high student completion rates of high school and secondary preparation programs, student ownership, and development of critical thinking skills (Rogers-Chapman & Darling-Hammond, 2013).
It Starts with Grassroots

- A promise to support all learners.
- An array of business opportunities.
- Access to postsecondary opportunities.
- Community loyalty.
- Schools that are centrally located.
**Vision drives Action**

A work-based learning (WBL) model that spans grades K-12 and rests on pillars that combine classroom experiences with work experiences.

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Who’s at the table?

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Innovative Processes For Innovative Practices
What skills does the EDGE give all students?
Our EDGE 9-12 Model

All students have opportunities for WBL regardless of career interests, passions, and talents. EDGE offers experiences that provide a continuum of support for WBL.
EDGE Advantage students sharing marketing survey results with Strategic America Marketing.

EDGE Apprentice students becoming forklift certified with ABC of Iowa.
EDGE Advanced students cleaning aquaponics filters and tanks after diagnosing a disease outbreak.

EDGE Alliance students creating campaign posters for student leadership positions.
Voices from the Field
Design Challenge

How might we...

Design Work Base Learning that EMPOWERS all learners?
Gathering Feedback

Needs
Unique Characteristics
Empathy
Prototyping

What might an ideal work-based learning partnership look like?
Refine

What resources could you rely upon?
Questions or Follow-Up?

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