



# Iowa Intermediary Network

Connecting business and education  
through high-quality, age-appropriate,  
work-based learning opportunities

# Introduction



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# Intermediary? What are they?

**Connect** students to career opportunities which allow them to make *informed* educational and career *decisions*

We are the **connector** between school and business.



# What We Do...

- Better prepare students to make informed education and career decisions
- Provide communication and coordination in order to build and sustain relationships between employers and local youth, the education systems, and the community at large
- Provide a one-stop contact point
- Facilitate the attainment of portable credentials of value to employers such as the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), where appropriate
- Develop work-based learning capacity with employers
- Provide core service programming

# Core Services Being Provided



Work Site  
Tours

Interactive  
Classroom  
Speakers

Job  
Shadows

Internships

# Work Site Tours



# Interactive Classroom Speakers



# Job Shadows



# Internships





# Targeted Industries

Advanced  
Manufacturing

Information  
Technology

Biosciences

STEM \*

Residential and  
Commercial  
Construction\*

Other pathways  
identified for  
specific regions

\* Mentioned in the legislation and are of special focus



# How to Get Involved...

- ì <https://www.educateiowa.gov/adult-career-and-community-college/career-and-technical-education/intermediary-network-statewide>
- ì Q & A