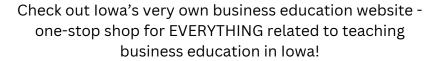


APRIL 2025

BUZZWORTHY



https://www.iowabized.org/



Looking for some NEW curriculum for ENTREPRENEURSHIP?

This curriculum is FREE thanks to our partnership with the Iowa Department of Education. **Try this activity test out!**

Students are given problems to pick from, the opportunity to work in teams, test a solution, create a poster and a pitch. A fun way to test drive the curriculum and see whether it would be a good "fit" for your program. Click here-formare-details-1.



IOWA BUSINESS ED

\$50 Early Bird Discount deadline is May 30!

Reasons why high school students should attend Business Horizons:

- 1. Make lifelong friends with students from around Iowa
- 2. Learn from influential people about what makes Iowa great
- 3. Get creative and find innovative solutions to real-world problems
- 4. Live like a college student on Drake University's campus



For more information and to register: $\underline{\text{https://loom.ly/7mioAnA}}$



Pitch It to Win It Innovator Competition Cash Prizes: 1st place = \$1500 2nd place = \$1000 3rd place = \$500

Do you know a high school student who operates a business? Or a student who has an idea for an invention or entrepreneurial start up? High school students can apply to the Jacobson Institute's <u>Innovator Competition</u>. The online competition is offered for HS students nationwide. A maximum of twelve competitors pitch their idea to a panel of judges. Read about <u>past winners</u> here.

Deadline to sign up: April 18, 2025

DesignDash: A few spots still open at the Ottumwa event!



The Jacobson Institute presents startup events engaging high school students and educators in one-day, fast paced entrepreneurial excursions. HS students work in teams with entrepreneurs/business & industry partners to solve problems they face using entrepreneurial solutions that drive innovation forward.

This is authentic, experiential learning at its best!

April 25: Cedar Rapids - Event Full - waitlist only **May 15**: Ottumwa - open spots available!

May 2: Sioux City - Event Full - waitlist only Click here for more information!

UPDATE: Accounting Case Competition

There are 11 high schools across the state signed up, approximately 125 students, 13 educators, and 21 CPAs participating in the 3rd Annual Accounting Case Competition sponsored by ISCPA.



Need an accounting presenter this spring?

We offer in-class presentations (Accounting Opportunities Experience) all throughout the year. Please email Madeline Ward, ISCPA member engagement coordinator, at mward@iacpa.org for to schedule one today!





Fun Fact: Iowa DECA's participation at the upcoming International Career Development Conference has been outstanding. This year we have 191 individuals from Iowa attending this conference, with 156 students attending, 22 advisors, and 13 chaperones

International Career Development Conference Orlando, FL April 26-29



State Conference Recap: 667 attendees 37 chapters represented 296 national qualifiers 82 competitive events

Fun Fact: A new venue was used this year - Sheraton West Des Moines. The venue and large atrium was enjoyed by all with students from all districts interacting and playing card games in the evening.

National Leadership Conference Orlando, FL May 7-11



State Conference Recap:
1011 attendees
65 chapters represented
327 national qualifiers
91 competitive events
Fun Fact: We had our largest
middle school presence at this
conference AND we also had the
mayor of Cedar Rapids.

National Leadership Conference Anaheim, CA June 29-July 2





February 2025: CTE Month
CTE Day at the Capitol brought
students from across the state to
Des Moines for a full-day of
connection, learning and
celebrating career and technical
education in Iowa.

Professional Development Opportunities

Online: BizInnovator Startup Teacher Certification Program

Dates and Times:
Summer – June 10 – July 31
(10 sessions. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays
10 am-12 pm CST)

Location: Online

Cost: \$299

Graduate Credit: Earn 1 for \$149, 2 for \$279,

3 for \$399

For more info: click here

Onsite: BizInnovator Startup's DesignDash @ Business Horizons

Dates: July 13, 14 & 17 Attend 1, 2 or 3 days!

Location: Drake University, Des Moines, IA

Cost: \$50 (participant is responsible for food, travel and lodging)

Graduate Credit: Attend two onsite days and earn 1 graduate credit for \$149

For more info: click here

The Ultimate PD Bundle!

Cost: \$349 (\$299 online & \$50 onsite)

Get the most out of your experience - Sign up for BOTH the online and onsite PD above.

Earn up to 4 graduate credits AND leave with the certification needed to offer college credit to your high school students!

For more info: click here





Middle School Ethics Challenge Submissions Are Open!

The submission period is open until Wednesday, April 30, 2025
Students have the chance to win \$500 and gain national recognition! For every student submission, teachers will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card.

To succeed in this ethics challenge, students need to have a foundational understanding of ethical principles. We recommend using our Ethical Leadership and Career Exploration resources. Click <u>here</u> for more info.

Upcoming Conferences



Iowa Work based Learning Conference: April 14, 2025 - Altoona, IA - link

Region III ACTE Conference: June 9-11 - Joliet, IA - <u>link</u>

Iowa CTE Best Practices Conferences: June 18, 2025 - Altoona, IA - <u>link</u>

Iowa Business Education Conference: October 12-13 - Ankeny, IA - link coming soon

National Business Education Conference: October 21-24 - Cincinnati, OH - link

ACTE Vision 2025: December 10-13, 2025 - Nashville, TN - link

Future-Ready Your CTE Program

Prepare your students for future success as economic impacts change the employment landscape. <u>Download</u> our free CTE guide to elevate your school's program today.

