# **Expanding Work-Based Learning for Schools**

# **Planning Steps:**

As a district planning team, use the following steps to guide local work-based learning decisions.

# 1. Take Inventory of Current Work-Based Learning

- Work-Based Learning Courses
- Embedded Work-Based Learning Experiences
- Include inventory in the <u>District Career and Academic Plan</u>

#### 2. Ensure WBL Experiences Include 3 Essential Elements:

- Academic Preparation
- Partnership between Education and Industry
- Academic Follow-Up

## 3. Build a Sustainable Work-Based Learning Program

- **4.** A picture of Iowa Career-Connected Learning. Two arrows bend to form a circle with one saying "Career Exploration" and another saying "Work-Based Learning."
  - Use the <u>Work-Based Learning Self-Assessment</u> <u>Tool</u>

## Additional Professional Learning available:

- Work-Based Learning Webinar Series
- Iowa Work-Based Learning Conference
- Resources on the Department's <u>Career Connected</u> <u>Learning Website</u>
- Subscribe to the Department's <u>Work-Based</u> <u>Learning Newsletter</u>



# **Individualized Assistance Available:**

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