
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2019

Fiscal Services Division

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Work-Based Learning Clearinghouse

Purpose and History

Governor Kim Reynolds established the Iowa Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning by Executive Order on January 29, 2018, as part of the Future Ready Iowa initiative. Funding is included in the FY 2019 State budget.

The Clearinghouse is established to ensure access to high-quality, in-depth work-based learning in rural and urban communities, especially for traditionally underrepresented students, with a focus on high-demand fields and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The Clearinghouse will connect employers and educators in a virtual space to create work-based learning opportunities for K-12 students, as well as students in college and trade schools. The Clearinghouse is a joint effort of the Department of Education and the Area Education Agencies (AEAs) via the [Iowa AEA Online website](#).

The Governor has appointed an advisory board for the Clearinghouse, chaired by the Directors of the Department of Education and Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) and consisting of 49 voting members representing business and industry, education, nonprofit agencies, and students, as well as four ex officio members from the Iowa General Assembly.

Funding — State General Fund

The Clearinghouse received an FY 2019 General Fund appropriation of \$250,000. The funding is allocated as follows:

- \$100,000 to Heartland AEA to staff the Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse Project Director is employed by Heartland and began work on October 29, 2018.
- \$100,000 to AEA Learning Online to build and support the Clearinghouse. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in July 2018, and work is underway.
- \$50,000 to IWD to survey all businesses and industries to gauge interest in participation. The survey is scheduled to be released in January 2019.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

[Executive Order Number One](#)

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