Collaboration occurs between education, business, and the community. Waukee Aspiring Professional Experience (APEX) develops highly skilled, adaptable, global innovators and leaders. Waukee APEX draws on the expertise of business partners to bring real world application into the comprehensive high school experience. Through inquiry-based learning and authentic projects and experiences, students add value to business partners while exploring passions and career possibilities identified by economic trends within our metro area and state.

**HOW IT WORKS**

- Collaboration occurs between education, business, and the community.
- Strands and courses are industry-driven based on economic trends within our metro area and state.
- Dynamic, authentic curriculum is developed through partner expertise.
- Waukee APEX students add value to business partners.
- There is no GPA requirement for participation.
- Waukee APEX is not a vocational or trade school.
- Courses are currently offered to those attaining junior/senior status.
- In 2016, when the Waukee APEX facility is built, courses hosted in satellite locations will continue.

**Waukee APEX STRANDS**

- **Financial & Insurance**
  - Financial Banking & Investments
  - Foundations of Insurance & Actuarial Science
- **Business, Technology & Communications**
  - Designing Communication Solutions
  - Information Management Design
- **Engineering**
  - Multi-Disciplinary Design Architecture & Engineering
- **Human Services**
  - Exploration of Health Sciences & Medicine
- **Bioscience & Value Added Agriculture**
  - Global Food Systems

**GET INVOLVED**

- Contact us to set up an appointment.
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Our business partners work with us to grow the definition of education by allowing innovation to take the lead. Here’s how:

- Partner to develop and enhance curriculum
- Provide authentic client projects and engaging experiences
- Offer professional development
- Model professional skills
- Serve as mentors
- Provide guest instructors to speak on content-specific topics
- Give in-kind donations specific to Waukee APEX strands
- Become a host site

**HOW WE GIVE BACK**

- Providing innovative, creative minds for authentic client projects
- Offering professional development in mentoring and relationships with clients
- Increasing student interest within career fields identified as “in demand” within the current economy
- Building awareness and supporting the brand of partnering businesses

**HOW YOU GROW**

- Contributing to the development of future professionals within your industry
- Expanding opportunities to highlight your industry and business as a potential place of future employment
- Sharing your passion, knowledge and insights regarding your career of choice