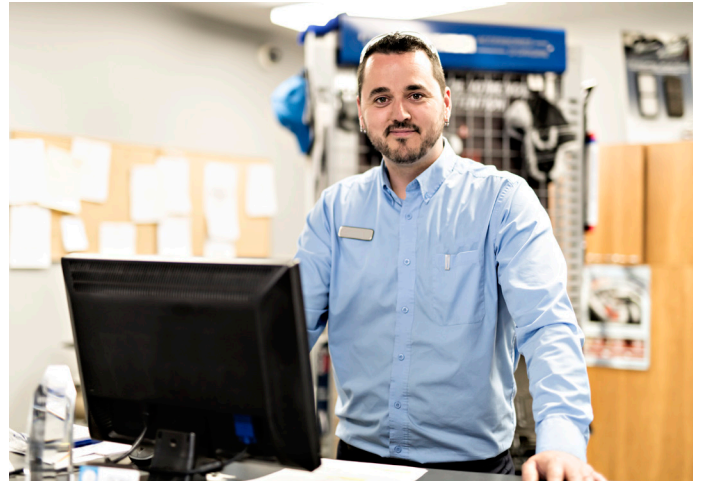


Idaho Connect is an online, interactive platform that builds bridges between education and the world of work, expanding lessons beyond textbooks to help students explore careers. Educators at contracted schools can request online sessions for their classrooms from employers. Employers can build a window of opportunity to Idaho's youth by providing sessions about what they do.



Increasing line of site to careers:

- Students' views of career options are often limited by who they know and where they live
- Research shows that people who have a clearer picture of the job they will eventually do are more satisfied in their careers, over time
- Between 50-75% of all college students change their degree more than once as they explore their interests and potential careers

Idaho Connect matches a professional's background, experience and skills to classroom and curriculum needs creating meaningful virtual interactions with the next generation of workers, anywhere, anytime.



Contracted schools can:

- Through their teachers, request a connection to a professional in any industry
- Tune in for live video chats hosted by Idaho employers
- View recorded video presentations from industry leaders around the country to learn about careers in thousands of industries

Learn more at <https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/resources/next-steps-idaho-connections>

Employers can:

- Provide online sessions that will increase line-of-sight to careers for Idaho's youth.
- Respond to requests from educators who are looking for employers to virtually speak to their classrooms.
- Sponsor a school's contract price.

Build a professional profile page and start connecting with Idaho students at <https://nextstepsidahococonnections.nepris.com/home/v4>



Through its committees, programs, and collaborations, like **Pathful Connect Idaho**, the Idaho Workforce Development Council helps connect Idahoans to career opportunities, and Idaho's employers to a qualified workforce.

Who We Are

Established in 2017, the Council is made up of 37 Governor appointed members from throughout the state, including 17 Idaho employers, 10 state government representatives, 7 workforce representatives, a member from each chamber of the legislature, and a representative of the Governor.

Represented industry sectors include Healthcare, Construction, Technology, Aerospace, Energy, Finance, Professional Services, and Advanced Manufacturing. The Council also serves as the State Workforce Development Board.

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Vision

We envision a future where Idaho's diverse and prepared workforce meets the needs of our unique communities and employers.

Mission

We champion strategies that prepare Idahoans for careers that meet employers' needs.

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What We Do

The Council's work is focused on three strategic goals:

- Increasing the public awareness of and access to career education and training opportunities.
- Improving the effectiveness, quality, and coordination of programs and services designed to maintain a highly skilled workforce.
- Providing for the most efficient use of federal, state, and local workforce development resources.