WHAT IS IOWA BIG?
Iowa BIG is a high school program designed to help you lead your own learning journey and discover your gifts, talents, and interests. BIG is a place where you get to learn through working on authentic projects in our community. At BIG, you learn not only the content in courses, but how to get along in the world and build the skills to make you “present-and-future-ready.”

HOW DOES GRADING WORK?
You receive grades just like you would at your high school. You are graded on your ability to demonstrate each of the essential standards of a course. The courses and grades appear on your transcript just like any other course at your high school.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BE IN BIG?
- A drive to take initiative, explore your passions, and learn.
- A sophomore, junior, or senior.
- A minimum of 3 consecutive class periods.
- Parent/Guardian(s) agreement.

WHAT DO I GET OUT OF BIG?
BIG is about real-world application. You get to see and experience your classroom learning as it lives in actual practice through real business and community projects. BIG teaches the course standards as well as essential 21st century skills. Learners drive the learning and are not limited by the curriculum. You own and control your learning.

CAN I STILL TAKE COURSES AND PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AT MY CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL?
Absolutely! We want you to experience all the great courses, traditions and activities happening at your high school. BIG is a program of each high school involved so you remain a full member of your home school, often referred to as the “mothership” by BIG students.
COURSES OFFERED

BUSINESS COURSES
• Advanced Financial Decision Making
• Advanced Professional Studies
• Entrepreneurship
• Sales + Marketing
• Project Management Basics (KCC Concurrent Course)

ENGLISH COURSES
• English 10
• Advanced English 10
• US Humanities + Composition
• Perspectives in Lit + Comp

GENERAL ELECTIVE COURSES
• Computer Science
• Advanced Computer Science
• Introduction to the Agile Mindset

MATHEMATICS COURSES
• Finite Topics with Statistics

SCIENCE COURSES
• Environmental + Ecological Problems
• Chemistry (New Bo Only)
• Honors Scientific Research and Design
• Physics

SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES
• Economics
• American Government
• Psychology
• Sociology
• US History
• Using Tech & Design to Solve Social Issues

OKAY. WHERE DO I SIGN UP?
Visit our website iowabig.org to find a link to the interest form at the bottom of the prospective students page. Please remember that the interest form does not guarantee you a spot. Then, visit your counselor and ask them to add a BIG placeholder to your schedule. Iowa BIG will follow up with every student.