



# Iowa BIG 20-21 Registration Information

FOR LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENTS

## 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 with community leaders. At BIG, you learn not only the content and standards 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 junior or senior.
- A minimum of 3 consecutive, open 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.

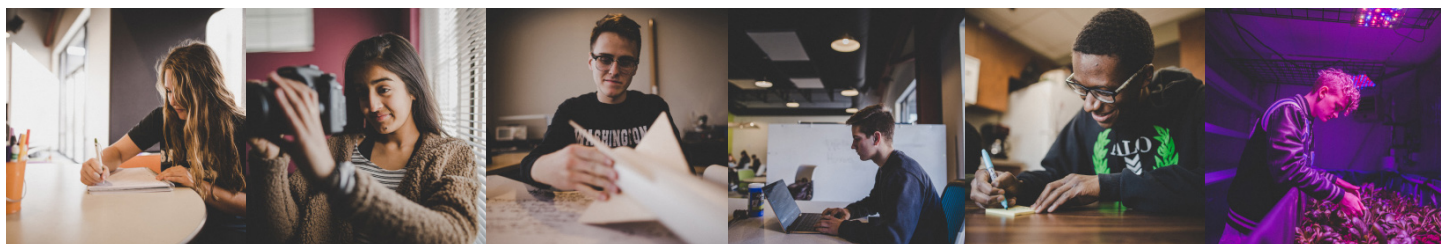
## CAN I STILL TAKE COURSES AND PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AT MY CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL?

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.

## IS BIG RIGHT FOR ME?

BIG is a program open to all students. Do you enjoy hands-on learning? Are you hoping to earn a scholarship for college? Are you bored or unsure of what to do after high school? If you answered yes to any of those questions, BIG is the right fit for you!

*\* Transportation accommodations can be provided as needed.*



## COURSES OFFERED

### BUSINESS COURSES

- Personal Finance (BUS110)
- Entrepreneurship (BUS460)
- Sales + Marketing (BUS355)

### ENGLISH COURSES

- Communications (ENG390)
- Contemporary Literature (ENG310)
- Creative Writing (ENG410)
- English II (ENG210)
- Intro to College Writing (ENG420)
- Journalism (ENG220) (BF only)

### GENERAL ELECTIVE COURSES

- Computer Science A (IND660)
- Introduction to the Agile Mindset
- Advanced Agile Mindset (Intro to Agile is a prerequisite)

### MATHEMATICS COURSES

- Probability + Statistics (MAT330)

### SCIENCE COURSES

- Environmental + Ecological Problems (Science Elective)
- Honors Scientific Research + Design (Science Elective)
- Physics I (SCI350)

### SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

- Economics (SOC310)
- Government (SOC400)
- Introductory Psychology (SOC340)
- Sociology (SOC330)
- Using Tech + Design to Solve Social Issues (Social Studies Elective)

## OKAY. HOW DO I SIGN UP?

First, talk to your counselor and let them know you want BIG on your schedule. Then, let us know you plan to come by going to our website, [iowabig.org](http://iowabig.org), and filling out the interest form at the bottom of the prospective students page. Please remember that the interest form does not guarantee you a spot. Iowa BIG will follow up with all interested students. **For questions, please reach out to Amanda Zhorne at [AZhorne@iowabig.org](mailto:AZhorne@iowabig.org).**

