

RIDGEMONT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Ridgemont Demonstration School of Workforce Development Partnership Agreement

The World Food Prize Global Youth Institute was first initiated by John Ruan and Dr. Norman Borlaug in 1994, the World Food Prize Foundation's youth programs have become the "crown jewel" of the Iowa educational experience and are widely recognized as the only youth programs of their kind in the United States and globally. Since its inception, over 1,000 Iowa students and 200 teachers from 150 high schools across the state have participated in the three-day Global Youth Institute. With the generous support of Mr. Clay Mathile and a commitment of up to \$2 million from the Mathile Institute, the World Food Prize Foundation has initiated a national expansion of the youth programs. With the establishment of qualifying State Youth Institutes in Ohio in 2004; Texas, Nebraska and Minnesota in 2007; Indiana in 2008, and New York in 2009, the reach and impact of these exceptional programs is growing rapidly.

The World Food Prize Global Youth Institute agrees to partner with the subsequent strategies to contribute to the success of the bold and innovative solutions to advance the goals of Ridgemont Local Schools:

- Connect Ridgemont students with global issues that relate to real workforce issues that impact worldwide concerns
- Function as a virtual mentor to students and teachers at Ridgemont Local Schools
- Provide materials and resources to assist with authentic project based learning curriculum related to social sciences
- Serve as an authentic audience for project based and service learning projects.
- Connect for virtual field trips to provide authentic experiences for youth
- Serve as a guest speaker, virtually with technology
- Provide authentic content for real-world learning projects for teachers and students
- Enhance curricular connections through the collaboration with compatible partners that currently exist with The World Food Prize Global Youth Institute

Ridgemont Local Schools agrees to reciprocate the succeeding strategies to provide a mutually beneficial partnership:

- Engage more than 30 students each year in writing the World Food Prize Youth Institute paper that is a cross-curricular engagement of teachers and students
- Provide youth authentic opportunities to create skills to be prepared for the global challenges and problem solving
- Engage youth and staff in regular relations with curriculum areas that tie to cross curricular initiatives to workforce development

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- Reform curriculum to ensure every youth engages in project based learning with a workforce connection that prepares youth for leadership roles, as well as career and college readiness
- Bring local and global workforce needs to the forefront of Ridgemont's educational initiatives
- Integrate real world connections into every classroom K-12
- Our school district will build students who have cultivated relationships with business and industry professionals prior to graduation
- Provide regular updates in work force development strides made by students and staff
- Include partnership information and updates in newsletters, newspapers, school webpages, etc.
- Collaborate with The World Food Prize Global Youth Institute to conduct virtual workshops and presentations to demonstrate the "Best Practices" at professional conferences, pre-service teacher classes and other venues.

Sincerely,



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