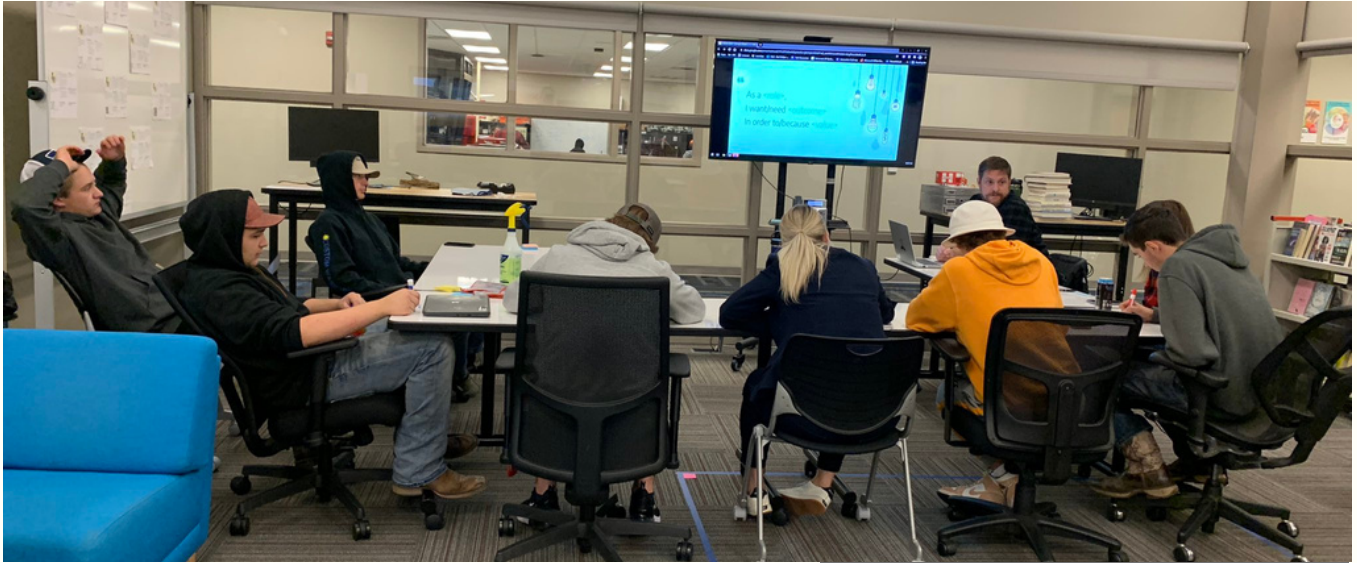# EMPOWER[ED]

A personalized path to graduation based on who students are and how they learn best

Preparing Bismarck's students for a changing world

Empower[Ed] students work with personalized learning facilitators to identify how they learn best. We then find opportunities that will allow learners to demonstrate understanding and earn core subject credits towards graduation. Through the use of authentic, project-based learning opportunities, and CTE course-embedded experiences, the curriculum is matched to who students are as a learner.

EMPOWER[ED] STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS...

ENGAGED IN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY PROJECTS

INVESTIGATING CONTENT-BASED INQUIRIES

TRACKING PROGRESS ON CONTENT STANDARD MASTERY

ASSESSING PROGRESS THROUGH CUMULATIVE REVIEWS

Some of our current community projects include...

- Mapping property for Anderson farms
- Creating a logo for the Simle Middle School Drama program
- Renovating a disc golf course
- Designing a student-led communications program for a local media non-profit
- Helping a company market on social media
- Building an obstacle course for desensitizing horses
- Designing a makerspace room at Prairie Rose elementary

Community Projects: Adding value to our community

Inspired by Iowa BIG, we knew that an integral part of this experience needed to be authentic, community-embedded project work. We start by reaching out with a request for back burner work - projects that a business or organization might not have the time, people, or capital to complete. From there, we pair the project partner's work to our learners based on capacity & interest.

Students work in collaborative teams to solve the real world problems in our community. We utilize Modern Agile to help students work efficiently with practices like kanban boards, stakeholder reviews, and retrospectives.

EMPOWER[ED] AT A GLANCE

Course offerings

- **English 11 & 12**
- **U.S. History**
- **Government & Economics**
- **Probability & Statistics**
- **Integrated Science**
- **Outdoor Fitness & Leadership**

Our vision & values

- **We empower learners to pursue their dreams**
- **We empower teens to have a positive impact on their community**
- **We empower students to design their own learning journey**

Check out our website by scanning the QR code!