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Maiden Voyage

Orbis officially launched in August 2018, and the three main components are engaging students as *collaborators, problem-solvers, and leaders*. Two elective courses for 11th and 12th grade students are currently underway:

- **Orbis Project-Based Experience:** This course engages teams of students in partnership with the workforce in solving real problems and contributing to the betterment of our local and global community. Experiences are grounded in the Universal Constructs (critical thinking, complex communication, creativity, collaboration, flexibility and adaptability, productivity and accountability). Student learning focuses on 21st Century Employability Skills from the Iowa Core. Authentic problems lead to project ideas, and students' passions are matched to projects.
- **Orbis Karl Business Academy:** This course provides an integrated approach to learning about all aspects of a large organization in the transportation industry. Participants engage in authentic learning experiences in a business atmosphere as they explore various careers, solve problems, and engage in project work as a team.

Do you have an idea or problem to solve?

Submit this brief form at your convenience!

- [Project Intake Form](#)

Orbis Onboarding Experience

The “**Orbis Onboarding Experience**” occurs during the first few weeks of the semester, where students engage in the following activities, launching their focus on the “big three:” collaboration, problem-solving, and leadership:

- Team-building
- Project Management, including a simulation to apply their learning with SCRUM
- Talent profiles and interest surveys
- First formal project pitch
 - This semester, Orbis students are currently engaged in a common project experience with the Ankeny Economic Development Corporation where they are creating a video for the Salute to Industry event, one that showcases why Ankeny is a great place to live and work.



New Orbis Collaboration Space

Our new Orbis Collaboration Space - located in Room 216 at Neveln, 406 SW School Street.



Additional information is just a click away!

Click on the links below to access the following info:

- [Orbis Brochure for Project Providers](#)
- [Project-Based Experience Flyer](#)
- [Definition of College and Career Readiness](#)

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Coming Up In Orbis

“**Compass Week**” occurs after the Orbis Onboarding Experience, and this is when students experience project pitches, determine which problems to solve and which projects to engage in, and project teams are formed. Projects can be “inbound” or “outbound.” Inbound projects are those project ideas and problems to solve come from businesses and nonprofit organizations, where they have submitted a Project Intake Form. Outbound projects are those where students identify a problem to solve or have an area of passion to pursue, and a project is designed accordingly.

“**Navigation Collaboration**” occurs once student project teams are underway, and experts from the workforce are invited to share their expertise and provide input on projects.



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