

# ConnectEd Studios

Integrating curriculum and developing lessons with real-world applications takes time and effort that may be in short supply on a busy school campus. ConnectEd Studios is designed to help both teachers and students access a range of resources that will enhance teaching and learning in a multiple pathways program.

ConnectEd Studios is an online platform providing students and teachers access to integrated curriculum units, multimedia resources, project planning tools, and industry professionals to support project-based learning in schools.

## ConnectEd Studios Includes:

- A database of standards-based integrated curriculum projects with multimedia resources.
- Project planning tools that allow teachers to coordinate calendars and align lessons with content standards.
- Digital portfolios and online galleries of student work.
- Connections to industry professionals for both teachers and students.
- A “front page” of relevant news, information, and resources for each pathway.
- Online professional development tools such as moderated discussions and webinars.



## For More Information

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## Integrated Curriculum Units

The core of ConnectEd Studios is a growing database of standards-based curricula. Lessons in multiple subjects are developed around an industry theme to help students see not only the connection between school work and the real world, but also the connections between what they are learning in different classes. Each unit provides teachers access to short videos on various topics, as well as other resources that they can use in their classrooms or direct students to on the site.

## Project Planning Tools

To support teacher teams as they plan their integrated units, ConnectEd Studios provides tools such as a shared calendar and online curriculum mapping. These features allow teachers to align their projects so that teachers in different disciplines can reinforce each others' lessons, delivering more coordinated and effective instruction.

## Digital Portfolios

ConnectEd Studios provides each user (teacher, student, and industry professional) with an online digital portfolio. This feature taps into the digital literacy of today's students, but unlike Facebook and MySpace, this online presence is devoted to their "business" – showcasing the work that they're producing, with an eye towards college and career.

## Connections to Industry Professionals

ConnectEd Studios facilitates a connection between industry professionals and schools, allowing both teachers and students to benefit from direct exposure and communication with professionals in the field. Teachers can review industry professional profiles and then invite them to collaborate on a specific project. Industry professionals can assist schools in various ways, such as advising educators on curriculum and projects, reviewing and critiquing student work, hosting class visits, or providing internships.

## News and Resources

ConnectEd Studios features information and resources that are specific to each pathway. This takes the form of a "front page" and includes rotating content such as "behind the scenes" interviews with industry professionals in the field, scholarship and professional development opportunities, and featured student work.



## Online Professional Development

*In development*

Leveraging the power of digital learning for educators, ConnectEd Studios will provide a series of online professional development tools and resources for educators. Some of these resources will be directly connected to the curriculum on the site, such as implementation tips and related discussions, and others will be focused more generally on multiple pathways components.



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