

Key Enhancements

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1. Directions After High School Activity Updated Tracking

We've introduced enhancements to Directions After High School activity to support annual planning and improve progress tracking for students and educators.

What's New

Annualization Option Added

- Administrators can now opt to track completion of Directions After High School activity annually within the **Assignment & Curriculum Builder** management tool in the Professional Center.
- Annual tracking is available for **grades 3 and above**.
- The completion criteria for Directions After High School remains unchanged.

To help students quickly understand progress when assigned Directions After High School:

- *Never Completed*: Students will see the instructions "Complete Directions After High School."
- *Previously Completed & Assigned Again*: Students will see a prompt to review and update prior responses, along with a checkbox indicating their responses are up to date.
- *Completed*: Students will see:
 - A green completion ribbon
 - The completion date
 - The My Progress indicator will indicate completion.

Note:

- The option "Want to start over? Clear your ratings and start again" has been removed to preserve accurate tracking and reporting over time.

Benefit to Educators

These updates make it easier to:

- Track student completion year over year
- Encourage students to revisit and refine their future plans without losing historical completion data.

2. Federal Apprenticeship Finder Link Added

IHaveaPlanIowa now includes a direct link to the U.S. Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Finder, making it easier for students to move from career exploration to real-world training opportunities.

What's New

Students can now access a national apprenticeship search tool directly within IHaveaPlanIowa from the Get a Job page.

The tool helps students find apprenticeship programs where they can earn while they learn, combining paid work with hands-on training and industry-recognized credentials.



Apprenticeship Finder logo and link on the Get a Job page

Benefits for Educators and Students

- Supports advising conversations by providing exploration of apprenticeship opportunities connected to career goals.
- Supports multiple postsecondary pathways beyond traditional college options.

Bug Fixes & Improvements

- Missing Graphics – Icons have been added to Interest Profiler and Career Key activities when assigned to students using the Assignment & Curriculum Builder.
- Graduation Year Corrected – Occasionally a student's graduation year would display incorrectly on a work-based learning application. This has now been fixed.
- Pagination Links – In the Professional Center, the pagination links have been updated to be consistent.
- Delete Your Results – Within the Interest Profiler, incorrect "Delete your results" text was displayed and has now been removed.