

7 ways to connect with professionals using Nepris

There are a variety of ways to consider connecting with professionals to get the most out of each interaction. You will find many examples of authentic learning opportunities below:



Topic Presentation is the most common and used when the educator has requested the industry expert to talk about a particular curriculum topic or career path. This type of session will likely involve a format consisting of a presentation followed by Q&A.

Project Mentoring is used if the students are involved in a long term project or investigation and they want to consult an industry expert during project research and development. This type of session will likely involve students presenting something about their project to date and asking questions to help them remove roadblocks.

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Virtual Tours can be requested by teachers when they would like to have the experience of a tour, whether it is a manufacturing company, botanical garden or a small start up company or would simply like to connect to the different departments within a company. They are virtual and eliminate many logistical barriers. They can also occur as industry chats.

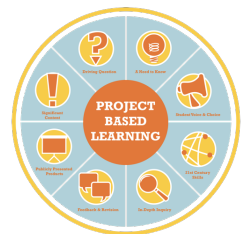
Industry Chats are most similar to webinars, where professionals are proactively creating connection opportunities. Multiple classrooms can join these virtual connections across the nation. The date, time and content are determined by the professional. Topics follow national education themes.

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Project Evaluation is used when the teacher wants to invite an industry expert into the classroom during final presentations of a project. These will be used mostly in project-based learning or in helping provide feedback in capstone projects. Students present to experts and receive evaluative feedback.

Project Based Learning is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge. Nepris can support PBL for entry events, project mentoring and/or authentic audiences.



Genius hour is a movement that allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in the classroom. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time during school. Nepris supports connecting with professionals for passion projects.