



Homegrown

TALENT INITIATIVE

The Homegrown Talent Initiative (HTI) is a statewide partnership that supports **regional cohorts of rural communities to develop career-connected learning experiences for K-12 students.** To better prepare students for life after graduation, schools and communities strategically focus on skill development, work-based learning experiences, and flexible programming that aligns student interests and local industry needs.

Through facilitated technical assistance, coaching, and asset mapping, HTI communities are building **homegrown opportunity pathways to serve the unique needs of students, families, schools, and business and industry in their areas.**

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HTI in Fremont County

Through HTI, Florence RE-2 School District is bringing together business, higher education, and community leaders to reimagine learning. The school district is creating career-based experiences from internships to concurrent enrollment opportunities that give students a head start in life and grow the local talent will help the local community thrive.

An integral part of HTI's success in a community is the **collaboration between K-12 and local industry partners.** HTI participation benefits the students, community, and economy –**the “educonomy.”**

Another key feature of HTI is the **Graduate Profile – an articulation of the knowledge, skills, and qualities districts commit to helping each student build before graduating high school.** Every opportunity through HTI centers on opportunities for students to build competencies outlined in each community's Graduate Profile.