

ISTEP STREAM

2026-2027 VIRTUAL KICK-OFF

NAME

**Iowa Students Together
Empowering Peers (ISTEP)**

MISSION STATEMENT

To empower young Iowans to build healthy, confident futures by promoting mental wellness, positive relationships, and safe choices through knowledge and awareness.

GOALS

- Build leadership skills and confidence to positively influence peers.
- Increase awareness that supports informed, positive decisions.
- Promote mental and emotional well-being.
- Prevent bullying and support healthy, respectful relationships.
- Reduce risks related to suicide, alcohol, tobacco/nicotine, and other substances.

LOGO



DIGITAL TOOLKITS

1. Iowa Nicotine Free Schools
2. PROPEL Curriculum
3. Tied Together for Mental Health
4. Shine Bright Against Bullying
5. Draw Your Breath
6. The Green Bandana Project
7. PhotoVoice Project

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Chapter Funding Opportunity** (Digital Toolkits, Innovative Projects & Talking Wall Session)
- **Chapter Advisor Stipend**

NETWORK HOURS

- September 16, 2026, 12-1 pm - Recruitment
- November 18, 2026, 12-1 pm - Relationship Building
- January 20, 2027, 12-1 pm - Maintaining Momentum
- March 10, 2027, 12-1 pm - Outreach & Engagement
- May 19, 2027, 12-1 pm - Celebrating Success & Closure

I-YES

**Historic Summit
Iowa Youth Empowerment Summit
March 2027**