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## U.S. States Adopt Project Management Programs

# Project Management Programs for Youth Grow Globally

What if you had been given the opportunity to learn and apply project management skills during middle school or high school? How would your academic, professional and personal life have been impacted? Students in North Carolina and Washington State, USA, won't have to ask these questions because their states are implementing statewide project management programs in their secondary schools.

Notably, both initiatives were driven by business leaders who wanted their future workforce to have project management skills.

The PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) and PMIEF volunteers played a significant role in both of these programs. In addition to sitting on advisory boards and assisting in the development of the curricula, PMIEF provided training to the highest-level education employees in the North Carolina state government.

Both of these states built their project management programs into their career and technical education programs, created career clusters, and aligned their content to PMI global standards. They took different approaches,

however. North Carolina created curricula for a series of four courses, while Washington developed a project management framework, allowing teachers to shape their own content. Both states used project management subject matter experts to assure that the content developed adhered to good project management practices.

Washington piloted one project management program last year, and this year five districts adopted the program. The state plans to pilot an advanced year-long course next year and believes that many more

districts will implement the program in the next several years. PMI chapters in Washington are providing volunteers who will step into the classroom to mentor teachers and students.

A complete outline of Washington's project management course framework can be found on the Washington Superintendent's website: [www.k12.wa.us/CareerTechEd/clusters/Business.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/CareerTechEd/clusters/Business.aspx).

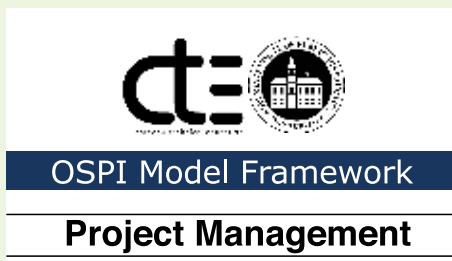
North Carolina plans to pilot their project-based learning program in 2012 with a full deployment of the program in the next few years. Their four-course program includes an introductory course, a globally themed course, a technology-themed course and an advanced culminating course.

North Carolina is part of the U.S. Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) a coalition of sixteen states, and will make portions of the North Carolina curricula available to the SREB states; providing the potential to bring the life and professional skills of project management to many more students.

In addition to these two U.S. state programs, PMI members are starting to work with ministries of education in other countries. PMIEF recently funded a grant to contextualize curricula for schools in the United Kingdom.

Today's students are tomorrow's project managers, and it is very exciting to see the growth of youth project management programs.

The PMIEF offers no-cost educational resources for noncommercial use for student ages 6–18; to view these resources visit PMIEF's website at [www.pmief.org](http://www.pmief.org).





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### *Our work is not done yet. There is still much to do!*

It only takes one person to make a difference, and we hope that you will consider making a gift. If you made a gift to PMIEF last year, please renew your gift in 2011. And if you have not yet made a gift, please make your donation today to help leverage project management for social good! Any size gift helps to make a difference. For example, gifts received last year helped fund the creation of new educational resources as well as their translation into other languages.

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Best wishes to you and your family for a healthy, happy, and successful year in 2012.

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