



AER

Authentic Exploratory  
Research

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### WHAT IS AUTHENTIC LEARNING?

“An educational approach in which students explore, discuss, and meaningfully construct concepts and relationships that involve real-world problems and projects that are relevant to the learner.”

- National Research Council

### BUT RIGHT NOW. . .

Most kids “do” school rather than truly learn. We need your help to change that.



You can be a leader in your  
community,



inspire change in your field,



and mentor a new generation!



### LAGUNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL'S AER PROGRAM

is an elective course in which students are matched with an industry mentor to pursue a research topic in a field of their choice. With the help of their mentors, students will conduct independent research in order to address a real-world problem.

#### MENTORS WILL:

- mentor 1 student
- serve as a content expert to support and facilitate students' work
- create an atmosphere that empowers and encourages students to ask questions
- guide students' progress and ensure each project is on track
- monitor students' work and provide appropriate and timely feedback
- spend a few hours each month mentoring students from September to May
- attend 3-4 networking and educational events at LBHS to celebrate students' achievements
- most importantly. . .  
**nurture, develop, and inspire!**

**IF INTERESTED** in learning more or in becoming a mentor, please visit our website at [lbusd.org/AER](http://lbusd.org/AER)

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