



Preparing  
Wyoming County Students for a  
World-Class Workforce

### BEC School Programs:

#### Junior Achievement:

The BEC provides this elementary curriculum as requested per school district. Junior Achievement at the elementary level consists of a local business volunteer teaching in the classroom. A total of 5-6 lessons over a six-week period is taught to students. These economic lessons are based on the NYS Education Social Studies curriculum.

#### Career Awareness:

The BEC continues to promote awareness opportunities for students, which highlight a wide variety of careers. As a resource for Wyoming County School's faculty and staff, the BEC will make the connections with employers and county agencies. Examples: business tours, career guest speakers, and speaker panels.

#### Job Shadowing:

Students spend a limited amount of time with area businesses for on the job training experiences. Students learn necessary skills, educational requirements, and attitudes to a specific job. The BEC participates annually in the National Job Shadow Day traditionally held on Groundhog Day, Feb. 2nd.

#### Character Education:

BEC assists schools districts in developing good student character by providing guest speakers to speak in the class room and promote basic principles of being honest, moral and dependable.

#### The Great Hospital Adventure:

Western New York R-AHEC's careers in health puppet show. A health and healthy behavior presentation designed for grades K & 1st.. Includes a live puppet show and a 13 minute video tape.

#### Criminal Court Day:

Middle and high school student sit in on actual court cases. Students have the opportunity to learn about careers in the criminal justice field and how the judicial system works.

#### Health Expo:

Provide students with a look into healthy lifestyle choices and careers in health care. Students listen to professional presenters and enjoy hands on activities.

## Wyoming County Business Education Council

### BEC Goals

Help youth to improve their awareness of the working world, the importance of skills and attitudes learned in school, and how they will be applied in the workplace.

- Develop a world class labor force that meets the needs of employers.
- Support and facilitate workforce preparation programs that will bring the workplace to the classroom.
- Influence curriculum development to meet employer requirements.
- Act as a liaison to connect the business and educational communities.
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## Who Are We?

The BEC works to improve the quality of public education as it relates to marketable job related skills. Our Efforts focus on developing relevant curriculums to increase a students academic performance, thus creating a greater return on employers' investment in education.

### The Council has representation from:

- Local Businesses
- Sallie Mae Foundation
- Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce
- United Way, of Wyoming County
- Genesee Community College
- GLOW WIB
- Wyoming County Government

### BEC Events and Activities

- Annual Spring Breakfast
- Networking events
- National Job Shadow Day
- Wyoming County 8th Grade Career Day
- Wyoming County Chamber Annual Meeting
- NYS Dept. of Labor/JSEC Job Fairs

### Pre-Employment Skills:

- Resume and cover letters
- Job Applications
- Personal Budgeting
- Interviewing Techniques

### Transferable Skills

- Attitudes
- Team Work
- Communication
- Motivation

## How can my business become involved?

- ◆ Become a member of the Business Education Council (BEC).
- ◆ Provide workplace learning opportunities for students such as job shadows, internships, mock interviews, and mentoring.
- ◆ Work with teachers to enhance school curriculums that better meets employers needs, assisting schools in developing performance standards that are meaningful in the workplace.
- ◆ Get involved with your local school district. Ask how you can participate in your district's Business/Education programs.
- ◆ Join many other businesses by participating in BEC classroom activities and presentations.

### *Educational Partners*

Attica Central School  
Letchworth Central School  
Perry Central School  
Pioneer Central School  
Warsaw Central School  
Wyoming Central School

### Mission Statement

To encourage the partnerships between business, education, and the Wyoming County Community that will prepare our young people to be productive members of the workforce.

## Job Skills Wyoming County Employers Want

Eighty percent of New York State employers say that to begin or advance at their company, entry-level employees must be able to demonstrate the following skills:

- ◆ **Integrity and Honesty**—doing the right thing even when no one sees you!
- ◆ **Team Participation**—employees who can work cooperatively with others.
- ◆ **Personal Appearance & Hygiene**—employees who demonstrate an understanding of personal appearance appropriate to company policy.
- ◆ **Listening** - Employees who receive, interpret, and respond appropriately to verbal messages.
- ◆ **Social**—Employees who can assert themselves in familiar and unfamiliar social situations.
- ◆ **Responsibility**—Employees who can be depended on in all situations.
- ◆ **Self-Esteem**—Employees who believe in, and maintain a positive view of themselves.
- ◆ **Writing**—Employees who communicate thoughts and key information in writing and can record information completely and accurately.
- ◆ **Speaking**—Employees who exhibit appropriate behavior when working