



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 5-7 lessons over a six-week period is taught to students. All JA programs designed to support the skills and competencies identified by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills.

Career Awareness:

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

Job Shadowing/Internships:

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.

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.

Teacher/Administration Business Tours:

First hand look at industry skill needs for future workforce.

Skilled Trades Fair:

In partnership with Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, The BEC coordinates business mentors to be on site at the annual open house to speak with parents and students

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.

Regional GLOW With Your Hands: Career Fair open to all school districts in GVEP. Day long hands on exploration experience for students grades 8-12th.

Summer Career Camps:

Each camp is designed to allow students to explore a variety of careers and begin to understand the working world.

Western NY Aviation Camp:

Week long overnight camp. Students explore and plan their aviation education and career paths through hands-on practical experiences.

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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Our Youth For Tomorrow**

*Linking Business
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What is the Business Education Council?

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 BEC has representation from:

- Partnerships with Local Businesses Members
- Navient Foundation, Pioneer Credit Recovery
- United Way, of Wyoming County
- Genesee Community College
- Wyoming County Government
- Wyoming Foundation, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

BEC Events and Activities

- Annual Spring Breakfast
- Networking events
- Wyoming County 8th Grade Career Day
- Summer Youth Career Camps
- Western NY Aviation Camp

Pre-Employment Skills:

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

Transferable Skills

- Attitudes
- Team Work
- Communication
- Motivation

How can your 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
Genesee Valley Educational Partnership

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 with individuals.