

Wyoming County Business Education Council Continuum of Services to Districts

Wyoming County Business Education Council (BEC) Career & Civic Readiness Continuum

Our Belief: Strong students build strong communities. By connecting education, business, and community partners, we prepare students for meaningful careers and active civic engagement in Wyoming County.

Continuum Overview

The BEC Career & Civic Readiness Continuum provides a structured progression of experiences that support students in developing the knowledge, skills, and connections necessary for workforce and civic success.

This continuum is aligned to:

- NYS CDOS Standards
- School-to-Work best practices
- Local workforce and community needs

It is implemented through **shared partnerships**, where:

- **Schools** integrate experiences into instruction
 - **Businesses & organizations** provide real-world connections
 - **BEC** coordinates, connects, and supports
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Pillar 1: Career Awareness & Exploration

“What opportunities exist for me?”

Focus: Exposure to careers, industries, and local opportunities

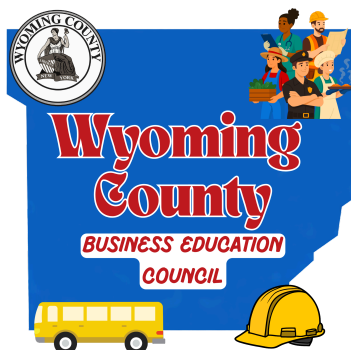
Sample Experiences:

- Career Days & Industry Panels
- Classroom Guest Speakers
- Workplace Tours
- Career Exploration Activities

Target Grades: Elementary – Middle School (K–8)

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of local careers
 - Understanding of how school connects to work
 - Early identification of interests and strengths
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Pillar 2: Workforce Readiness Skills

“How do I prepare for the workplace?”

Focus: Development of foundational employability skills

Sample Experiences:

- Mock Interviews
- Resume & Cover Letter Development
- Professional Communication Workshops
- Teamwork & Collaboration Activities

Target Grades: Middle – High School (6–12)

Outcomes:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
 - Professional behavior and workplace expectations
 - Increased confidence interacting with employers
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Pillar 3: Work-Based Learning & Career Experience

“How do I apply my skills in real-world settings?”

Focus: Authentic workplace experiences connected to career interests

Sample Experiences:

- Job Shadowing
- Internships / Co-op Experiences
- Workplace Mentoring
- Employer-Connected Projects

Target Grades: High School (9–12)

Roles & Responsibilities:

- **Schools:** Coordinate placements, supervise students & permissions
- **Employers:** Provide meaningful work experiences
- **BEC:** Connect districts to employer partners and expand access

Outcomes:

- Real-world application of academic and technical skills
 - Development of career pathways
 - Stronger connections between students and local employers
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Pillar 4: Civic Engagement & Leadership

“How do I contribute to my community?”

Focus: Developing civic responsibility and leadership skills

Signature Programs:

- Civic Action Fellowship
- Wyoming County Youth Leadership Academy
- *GLOW Serve & Lead (TBD)*
- Government & Public Service Pathways

Sample Experiences:

- Engagement with local government
- Community-based projects
- Leadership development opportunities

Target Grades: Middle – High School (6–12)

Outcomes:

- Understanding of civic systems and local government
- Leadership and decision-making skills
- Increased connection to community and public service careers

BEC's Role in the Continuum

The BEC serves as a **connector and coordinator**, not a sole provider.

BEC Responsibilities:

- Build and maintain partnerships with local employers and organizations
- Connect districts to relevant career and civic opportunities
- Provide tools, resources, and frameworks to support implementation
- Align regional efforts to reduce duplication and increase impact

Community Impact

Through this continuum, Wyoming County will:

- Strengthen the local workforce pipeline
- Increase student awareness of local career opportunities
- Support civic engagement and community leadership
- Retain talent within rural communities

Career readiness is civic readiness. When students see opportunity locally, they are more likely to invest in the future of their community.

