

PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESS WEEK



PA Business Week facts

- 217 Programs, November 1997 through May 2025.
- Over 26,000 students
- 18 High Schools have hosted the program in 5 Western PA counties.
- Volunteer hours average 424 per program, bringing an estimate volunteer time commitment over the past 28 years to 92,008 volunteer hours.
- An average of 80 educators per year partner with volunteer business advisors in the classroom.
- During the 2024-2025 school year, we proudly presented six Advisor Recognition Awards! Two **Ten-Year Awards** were given to dedicated advisors at Fort LeBoeuf and Hickory High School, recognizing a decade of outstanding service. Additionally, Four **Five-Year Awards** were distributed to advisors at Girard, Maplewood, and Corry Area High School, celebrating their continued commitment and support.

“Business Week was very exciting, and I believe that everyone should experience it. Working with people that I have never worked with before can be difficult, but as a team and company you learn to overcome your problems.”

– Business Week Graduate at Hickory High School

Pennsylvania Business Week is the first in-school program of its kind in the United States. Considered the pioneer in its field, business and educational organizations from numerous other states have implemented similar programs in their schools based on this model, created in Erie, PA.

Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System (ACES) is a non-profit, non-political, educational organization promoting the understanding of free market economics to students, teachers, and the general public through partnerships between the business and education communities. ACES has served communities in Western Pennsylvania since 1956.

PA Business Week Statistics: 2024-2025

As a wrap up to each program, data is collected through student and advisor evaluations. This year's feedback yet again proves the positive experience and wealth of knowledge that the 964 students gained from participating in PA Business Week.

*Percentage of students who said that Business Week gave them a better understanding of how a business operates in the American economy: **96%***

*Students who rated their Business Week experience as good or excellent: **92%***

*Percentage of students who said that Business Week raised their awareness of career opportunities in their local communities: **88%***



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