

PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESS WEEK



PA Business Week facts

- 207 Programs, November 1997 through May 2024.
- Over 25,000 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 27 years to 87,768 volunteer hours.
- An average of 80 educators per year partner with volunteer business advisors in the classroom.
- This past fall, Business Week celebrated its' 200th program at Fort LeBoeuf High School where it all began. We celebrated this by increasing the winning prize to \$200 a student!

"It was a great experience. As someone who is in the air about what I want to pursue post high school, this insight into business has put something else on the table for me to consider. I may go into business, but I may not; either way, the skills I learned this week will help me forever."

– Business Week Graduate at Girard 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: 2023-2024

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 994 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: **97%***

*Students who rated their Business Week experience as good or excellent: **93%***

*Percentage of students who said that Business Week raised their awareness of career opportunities in their local communities: **92%***



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