

OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY & EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Premise

Business/Industry and Education Partnerships are based on the premise that business, industry, government, labor and human service organizations, along with public/private schools, realize the importance of a **quality education** for all young people. The partnerships provide a framework to become actively involved in supporting and supplementing public and private education goals.

Business/Industry and Education Partnerships **serve to enhance the curriculum of a quality education** by providing experiential learning about workplace activities and exposure to career awareness and planning. For today's student, gaining real-world experience is vital. Students need to understand what, why and how classroom knowledge can be applied in the workplace.

Partnership Goals

Enhance and enrich the academic experience of public/private school **students** by providing exposure to the business community through greater involvement in career-related activities.

Assist **educators** in increasing their knowledge base regarding the local business community and enhancing the curriculum for students.

Assist area **businesses** by linking them to the local educational resources and potential workforce of the future.

Raise awareness of the local business community and industry clusters within the public and private school system.

Raise awareness of available resources in relation to the Academic Standards for Career Education and Work as proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.