# BUSINESS/EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

1. **Purpose**

   The Joint Operating Committee endorses a strong relationship between business/industry and education. It believes that the school benefits from partnerships in two (2) ways, materially and by demonstrating to the students how learning translates into the marketplace. It views business and industry gaining the benefits of a trained work force while contributing to education.

   Such partnerships provide the opportunity for students to continue their career and technical training in a specific occupational area and to develop the competencies and work attitudes that are essential to the student’s success in his/her chosen profession. Before students may be employed in a work environment, it must be determined that their work experience will be more beneficial and educational than what is provided at the school.

2. **Authority**

   Title 22
   Sec. 4.31, 11.8, 11.28

   The Joint Operating Committee is committed to the cultivation of business-education partnerships that link school-based learning to the workplace. Such partnerships may be created on a variety of scales, from entire laboratory programs supported by Occupational Advisory Committees to small group and individual student arrangements as exemplified by cooperative education and internship arrangements. Partnerships may be short-term or continuing.

   The Joint Operating Committee shall provide the necessary logistic and financial support to create and sustain effective business-education partnerships.

3. **Guidelines**

   Administrators and staff members shall utilize available private and public sector contacts to effect a progression of meaningful educational experiences for students as they progress toward membership in the nation’s workforce. Such experience shall include, but not limited to, the following:

   1. Cooperative Education.
   2. Internship.
4. Laboratory speaker/demonstration.

5. Business/industry training support.


7. Company orientation/tour.


9. Community service project.

Employment Certificates for students under eighteen (18) years of age may be requested through the School Administration Office of the district of residence.

Requirements for obtaining Employment Certificates and procedures for receiving them shall be outlined in the Student Handbook.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Administrative Director or designee shall be responsible for developing procedures that insure students participating in cooperative education and work-study programs are not exploited, illegally employed, or employed under conditions that fail to safeguard their health and safety.

The Administrative Director shall establish procedures for admitting students to a Cooperative Education Program and terminating them. Procedures shall be printed in the Student Handbook.

School Code 1801, 1850.1

PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.3, 4.31, 11.28