



## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WORKPLACE ACTIVITIES

The links below focus on opportunities that connect the classroom to the workplace through work-based learning experiences and resources that support the Industry-Based Learning Indicator.

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### Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (Department of Labor and Industry)

This system offers a full range of features and services to assist educators, labor market analysts, job seekers, and employers in their workforce development needs. [County profiles](#) are helpful in aligning career pathways to regional workforce needs.

### Apprenticeships

The PA Department of Labor and Industry provides detailed information about developing pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship programs, as well as contact information to assist school districts and employers in the process.

### Workforce Development Grants

The PA Department of Labor and Industry compiles a list of available grants to educators and industries to support workforce development.

### PA smart

This “one stop” commonwealth website is a new workforce development initiative that helps connect Pennsylvanians with multiple resources for working and training in Pennsylvania in one easy location.

### What’s So Cool About Manufacturing?

The annual video contest connects students to manufacturing careers and produce profiles of companies throughout Pennsylvania. The teams of students and teacher coaches receive camera equipment and professional guidance as they learn to script, record, and edit their video stories. Check out this year’s [winners!](#)

### Edcorps (need to register/log-in for access)

The Edcorps Marketplace and Community of young creatives and learners create entrepreneurial products for purchase to fund education and social causes. Take a look at [Central Relaxation](#) at York Middle School and [The Ish Company](#) at Elizabeth Forward

School District, two of many schools in the country that are teaching entrepreneurial skills and making a difference in their communities.

### **UPMC Health Careers Job Shadowing**

The UPMC Horizon – Shenango Valley in northwestern PA has developed a job shadow program with opportunities for students to shadow a professional for up to three days, as well as an internship program.

### **Career Street**

This online platform is a comprehensive career exploration and planning program that links businesses, nonprofit organizations, and schools to create and share experiences for students to job shadow, intern, tour companies, benefit from class speakers, and participate in career workshops and fairs.

### **Challenge Program**

The program's mission is to build sustainable Business/Education partnerships while introducing students to careers in their communities, as well as contribute to workforce and economic development by developing positive work habits. Students have the opportunity to achieve awards in STEM, attendance, academics, and community service.