

# **Thirteen Effective Practices for Implementing Pennsylvania Career Education and Work (CEW) Standards**

The following are effective practices to use with all students for the implementation of the Pennsylvania CEW Academic Standards, emphasizing the importance of linkages to other initiatives. This document provides a starting point and provides a foundation upon which to begin a review of current practices and district needs. More information on these items can be found at [www.pacareerstandards.com](http://www.pacareerstandards.com), the Standards Toolkit website.

- 1. Facilitate integration within a variety of existing K-12 courses** (use CEW Crosswalks to identify linkages with other PA Academic Standards. The crosswalks can be used to identify where CEW standards are already being met and where best to integrate them into already existing curriculum)
- 2. Develop stand-alone courses** (e.g. half or full-year career education courses specifically designed to integrate the CEW standards)
- 3. Engage stakeholders**
  - a. Business partnerships/community agencies and organizations
  - b. School personnel
  - c. Parents
- 4. Provide opportunities for linkages to world of work** (analysis of labor market data, job shadowing, co-operative education, internships, apprenticeships, career expos, career days, classroom speakers and events, field trips)
- 5. Integrate computerized career development software and web-based resources** (personality, interest and/or aptitude assessments, post-secondary planning resources)
- 6. Institute career pathways model or career academies**
- 7. Link career development with character education**
- 8. Establish advisory and career-oriented mentoring programs**
- 9. Provide systematic instruction in requisite lifelong learning and workplace skills** (linkages with economic and workforce development addressing such skills)
- 10. Implement a career portfolio process**
- 11. Develop a career-based graduation project**
- 12. Build curriculum and opportunities addressing entrepreneurship**
- 13. Establish a formal transition process for all students** (involve community resources)

The Pennsylvania Career Education and Work Academic Standards Toolkit contains detailed information regarding development and implementation of these standards for all students, kindergarten through graduation.