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# abec

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# The Arizona Business & Education Coalition

## OUR VISION

The Arizona Business & Education Coalition is a trusted and respected collaborative organization of education and business, influencing the creation of a public education system that is recognized as world class, producing responsible citizens who contribute in a globally competitive workforce.

### The voice of ABEC includes:

**60+**

The number of Arizona public school districts and charter schools that are ABEC members

**2/3  
Million**

The total Arizona K-12 student population represented by ABEC members

**500K**

Combined student enrollment of the colleges & universities that are ABEC members

**2K**

The number of public and privately owned businesses, associations and organizations represented by member organizations

**100K**

The total number employed by all ABEC member organizations

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## OUR MISSION

To sustain collaboration between business and education leaders, focused on increasing measurable outcomes for every student, **by serving as a non-partisan forum** to educate others and build political will toward the improvement and investment in K-12, with linkages to pre-kindergarten and higher education, as an element of a superior public education system and economic future for Arizona.

- ✓ PUBLIC POLICY
- ✓ LEGISLATIVE LUNCH & LEARNS
- ✓ SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY SUMMIT
- ✓ CAREER EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

# THE ABEC CAREER EXPLORATION PROJECT (ACED)

**Research indicates that middle school is the most effective time for career guidance programs, when students begin thinking about careers and seeking information that will help them connect their education to their future career aspirations.**

**The ABEC Career Exploration Project is an effective strategy to:**

- **Improve student engagement.**
- **Provide experiences that help student develop their career identity.**
- **Relate coursework to future careers.**
- **Strengthen the transition to high school.**





## DESIGN

- Equitable and inclusive of each student
- Anchored in careers
- Standards based
- Grounded in experiential and hands-on learning
- Integrated into the broader P-20 career development system
- Includes intentional and meaningful employer engagement
- Involves dedicated instruction time
- Communicated effectively to students and their families
- Focus on student growth

## APPLICATION

<p><b>Standards/ Curriculum Assessments</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AZ Career Literacy Standards</li> <li>• Possible Futures Curriculum</li> <li>• ABEC Curriculum</li> </ul>	<p><b>Course/activity structure/career exploration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge Factor</li> <li>• My Future AZ</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Experiential learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project based learning</li> <li>• Business partnerships</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Teachers and leaders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Development</li> <li>• Externships</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Data &amp; Measurement</b></p> 
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## OUTCOMES

- Awareness and exposure to a wide array of careers
- Increase self-awareness and begin to form potential career identity
- Develop employability skills
- Develop foundational technical skills as appropriate
- Position to make more informed educational choices
- Transition to high school with an actional plan for next steps

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## ABEC Industry Curriculum

- ✓ Auto Transportation (DRIVE)
- ✓ Construction
- ✓ Culinary Arts



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